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Letters Sent to

Miscellaneous Recipients

June 12, 1923 – December 31, 1923

Presscopies of letters and telegrams sent from U.S. Mint headquarters to various official and individual recipients.

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RG 104 RECORDS OF THE BUREAU OF THE MINT

Records of the Bureau of the Mint
Correspondence

LETTERS SENT, 1873-1917

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June 12, 1923.

Comptroller,
American Smelting and Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, New York.

Sir:

Pittman silver affidavits received during March, 1923 at the Philadelphia Mint from you include smelter's affidavits of the Superintendent of the Calumet and Arizona Smelter covering fine ounces of silver as follows, said to have been received during the month indicated;

Ounces.	Said to have been received.
83,469.7	July, 1922.
83,769.7	Aug., 1922.
78,950.7	Sept.,1922.
89,812.6	Oct., 1922.
63,193.4	Nov., 1922.

also affidavits of the Superintendent of the Phelps-Dodge Corp., as follows;

82,906.84	July, 1922.
117,277.91	Aug., 1922.
108,576.41	Sept.,1922.
106,079.97	Oct., 1922.

These affidavits are accompanied by miner's affidavits totaling the same quantities; however, the smelter's affidavits are not specifically tied to the miner's affidavits in any way. The smelter's affidavits read, in part, as follows;

"that the said Calumet and Arizona Smelter (or Phelps-Dodge Corp., as the case may be) has received during the month of ----silver bearing material containing ------ fine ounces of silver, more or less, and for which settlement sheets have been rendered to the amount of ----- fine ounces, and that silver was produced from ores mined, to the best of his knowledge and belief, within the borders of the United States of America".

Will you please obtain from the Calumet and Arizona Smelter and the Phelps Dodge Corporation amended affidavits specifically

tying up the silver concerned to that covered by the miner's affidavits; this might be done by carrying reference to the settlement sheets, or, in the same manner as in returns rendered by your own smelters, namely, schedule showing total receipts by sources, to which affidavit is attached.

In this connection reference is made to our letter of February 10, 1923, pertaining to similar Calumet and Arizona affidavits, and your reply of February 14, 1923. If this matter has been cared for will you please forward copy of your letter pertaining thereto.

If any similar affidavits have been filed subsequent to those named above, it is requested that steps be taken to have those corrected also.

Respectfully,

F. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 12, 1923.

Mr. U. L. Durst,

Waynesboro, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 11 you are advised that application for the Monroe Doctrine memorial half dollar should be addressed to the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California, that body having sole charge of their distribution. It is understood the coins are being sold at a premium.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1923.

Mr. Millard Malenthal,
158 Merchant Street,
Decatur, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 9 you are advised that the Government is not contemplating the issue of any new coin. The Indian head appearing on the so-called buffalo nickel is an idealized one, no particular Indian having posed as a model for the coin.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1923.

Mr. Sarka B. Hrbkova, Manager,
Czechoslovak Bureau,
Foreign Language Information Service,
119 West forty first Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 26 relative to the origin of the phrase "E Pluribus Unum", I beg to submit the following:

> From The Americana. "The motto of the United States; chosen for its Great Seal 10 Aug. 1776, by Franklin, Adams, and Jefferson, as a committee. It has been part of the motto of the 'Gentleman's Magazine' founded 1731; apparently taken from a sentence in Virgil's (?) 'Moretum' "color est e pluribus unus."
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> From The Centuary Dictionary and Cyclopedia. "This phrase does not seem to occur in classical Latin; it appears as a motto on the title-page of the "Gentleman's Magazine" in 1731. One from many; one (composed) of many; the motto of the United States, as being one nation formed of many independent States.

I trust the above information may be of service to you.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1923.

Mr. John P. Woodruff,
150 Nassau Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 11 I take pleasue in enclosing a preliminary estimate of the production of gold in the United States for the calendar year 1922. The final figures for the United States and for the world will not be ready until some time in October or November.

Respectfully,

Mary McReely

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1923.

Mr. B. J. Boutwick, Cashier,
The Second National Bank,
Cortland, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of June 9 you are advised that the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California, has sole charge of the distribution of the Monroe Doctrine half dollars, and it is understood that these coins are disposed of at a premium. These coins are being struck at the San Francisco Mint and are turned over by that institution to the Los Angeles Clearing House.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

2—6736

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
June 13, 1923.

William H Kunnion,
Fallon, Nevada.

If you desire your tender silver June tenth for future delivery to be filed for consideration in order of its receipt when acceptances are resumed wire me, that you will at once file sworn abstracts from your books of account showing continuing operations from December thirty first nineteen twenty three Stop Balance on hand plus receipts minus losses minus shipments equaling balance at beginning of next accounting period Stop See regulations approved May fourth copy being mailed Also advise if yours is bullion producing plant and that your tender is of the recoverable quantity and will be supported by the usual miners and reducers affidavits

O'Reilly
Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923
2—6736
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 13, 1923.

Elkoro Mines Company,
Jarbidge, Nevada.

Your telegrams not in form of tenders Please advise this Bureau they were so intended and make future telegrams in form of tenders

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
2—8738
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 15, 1923.

St. Joseph Lead Company,
Bonneterre, Missouri.

Your shipment approximately twenty five thousand ounces silver Philadelphia made May twenty seventh will be received as applying on our acceptance April twenty first and subsequent shipment approximately eighteen thousand eight hundred ounces will be applied to balance of acceptance April twenty first and acceptance eighteen thousand ounces May twenty ninth Copy this telegram being sent Philadelphia Mint for their guidance

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2129.

June 13, 1923.

Quartermaster General of the Army,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am enclosing copy of letter received from the Superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, relative to the release of certain canvas and drilling on hand at the Quartermaster Department in Philadelphia. Will you please advise this Bureau at your earliest convenience whether this material can be released to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 13, 1923.

Mr. M. Eckhardt, Jr.,
Administrative Assistant,
Department of Commerce,
Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Sir:

In response to your request of June 11 this office has taken pleasure in placing your name on the mailing list to receive regularly copies of Department Circular No. 1, "Value of Foreign Coins".

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 15, 1923.

Mr. R. E. Ewell,

Guilford, Va.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. A visual examination of the material, however, would indicate that it contains pyrites and is of no value. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D. will make an assay at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

2—5738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE V

Washington,

June 14, 1923.

St. Joseph Lead Company,
Bonneterre, Missouri.

Please disregard that part of our telegram dated thirteenth regarding shipment approximately eighteen thousand eight hundred ounces silver which pertains to another firm

Scobey

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
2—5738
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

June 9, 1923.

Mr. Sidney Norman,
Northwest Mining Association,
Spokane, Washington.

Sir:

Your letters of May 28 addressed to the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Treasury have been referred to this Bureau. The resolution attached to each letter has been duly noted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1923.

The Editor, Commercial & Financial Chronicle,
138 Front Street,
New York City.

Sir:

In connection with the publication on May 12, 1923, of Senator Pittman's letter to Hon. S. Parker Gilbert, Jr., Under Secretary of the Treasury, I am enclosing copies of letters addressed by the Under Secretary of the Treasury to Senator Pittman bearing dates of May 9 and May 31, 1923.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 14, 1923.

Dr. J. C. Sullivan,

Little Falls, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 12 you are advised that the Government does not purchase platinum, nor is any allowance made for this metal when contained in deposits of gold dental scrap.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 14, 1923.

The Copper Chief Mining Company,
Clarkdale, Arizona.

Sirs:

I have your amended account, forwarded with your letter of June 8, of silver receipts, recoveries and issues to the end of May, 1923. This account appears to carry some discrepancies. For example, it is stated that there was no silver on hand at the plant during the months of Jamary and February; receipts during March, April and May totaled 41,507.34 ounces, milling losses totaled 23,395.52 ounces, shipments totaled 13,937.46 ounces, which would leave a balance on hand May 31 of 4,174.36 ounces. According to your report you had on hand at the end of May 5,040.04 ounces of unrecovered silver in addition to 3,878.24 ounces of recovered silver.

Explanation is requested, with an account stated on a continuing basis as requested in telegram from this office quoted in your letter of June 8, viz; opening balance, plus receipts, minus losses, minus shipments, equaling opening balance of next accounting period.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 14, 1923.

How to Make Money Publishing Co.,
117 West 61st Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

Replying to your letter of June 13 you are advised that Section 171 of the Penal Code, copy of which I enclose, prohibits the publication of photographs of coins of the United States. It will not be possible, therefore, for this office to furnish you with a photograph or sketch of the Monroe half dollar.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

June 14, 1923.

Mr. John P. Woodruff,
150 Nassau Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 13 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you today under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922, the last issued.

We have no compilation of the estimated production of gold and silver in the world during 1922. These figures will not be available until October or November.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 14, 1923.

Tariff Bureau,
American Railway Express Co.,
119 West 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Will you please forward, for use in this office, the latest Schedule of First and Second Class Express Rates, also latest official Express Classification? Thanking you in advance for same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 15, 1923.

Mr. F. E. Frazier,
Field Division,
Personnel Classification Board,
Room 238, Treasury Building.

Sir:

I am enclosing, in accordance with your request, plans of organization of the United States Mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver, and the draft of the chart of the Bureau of the Mint.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

June 15, 1923.

Doctor F. M. Sarface,
Bureau of Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to advise that gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of May, 1923, were as follows for the classification indicated:

Unrefined domestic gold - - 79,866.013 fine ozs.
Unrefined domestic silver -412,493.56 " "

Respectfully,

F E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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June 15, 1923.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to advise that silver receipts of the mints during the month of May, 1923, were as follows, for the classification indicated:

Unrefined domestic bullion	412,493.56	fine ozs.
Unrefined foreign bullion	106,607.75	" "
Foreign silver coin	5,522.60	" "

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

June 15, 1923.

Mr. Marden R. Nichols,
218 Washington Avenue,
Bennington, Vermont.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the card of acknowledgment enclosed in your letter of June 13.

It is noted that your sample is in the hands of the Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, and I would suggest that you communicate with the Director of the United States Geological Survey relative to the same.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

MR

June 16, 1923.

Mr. Grosvenor M. Jones,
Chief, Finance and Investment Division,
Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 15 please be advised as follows:

1. There are three coinage mints in the United States, located at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver. The inquiry as to how many machines are employed is interpreted to mean how many coining presses are used, as an infinite number of machines are employed throughout the service. The coinage presses number 31.

2. The capacity of the mint as to number and values of coinage depends entirely upon denominations of the coins. I am enclosing copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1922 which gives the coinage for a series of years. It is believed that this will give the best basis for estimating the capacity of the mints over a series of years.

3. This Bureau has no knowledge of other plants in the United States engaged in the manufacture of coins.

4. The rates charged for coinage for foreign countries depend upon the metal, type or design of the coin, and the quantity. The rates vary from $3.50 to $10.00 per thousand pieces for the manufacture of coins.

For your information, these same questions were answered for the Swiss Legation by this Bureau under date of June 14, the inquiries having reached here through a newspaper agency.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1923.

Office, Commissioner of Internal Revenue,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

On August 11, 1922, this Bureau forwarded to your office a bill of the Philadelphia Mint, in amount $293.55, covering cost of 500 bronze badges for the Prohibition Field Force furnished in accordance with your order of May 22, 1922, the amount in question to be credited to the following appropriations;

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922	$273.82
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922	19.73
	$293.55

As this office has never received notice of settlement of this claim, will you please advise us the date and number of same, that this old bill may be cleared from our accounts.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

2—5739

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 16, 1923.

Two Separate Messages

Copper Chief Mining Company, Clarksdale, Arizona.
Homestake Mining Company, Leads, South Dakota.

Tenders Pittman Act silver received here to close business June two subject to formal acceptance on receipt of satisfactory account abstracts

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 16, 1923.

Two Separate Messages

Sinaloa Exploration and Development Company,
Mogollon, New Mexico.
St. Joseph Lead Company,
60 Wall Street, New York.

Your abstracts from books of account not yet received Stop Tenders Pittman Act silver received here to close business June two subject to formal acceptance on receipt of satisfactory account abstracts

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

June 18, 1923.

Manager, Credits and Collections,
Western Union Telegraph Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Subvoucher #1 to your bill #531 is herewith returned with advice that the charges made thereon are not payable by this office but by the U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho, where it should be forwarded for payment. Bill has been approved for $1.80, the charges on above message (98¢) having been deducted.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 18, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
1900 E Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please file affidavits herewith covering Pittman silver deposits #435, 536, and 538 with the accounts of the Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco for the quarter ended March 31, 1923, to which they pertain.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1923.

Pennsylvania Railroad Co.,
Broad Street Station,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Your bill #9.276.845 against this office for transportation of 1 case of foil from New York to Washington, April 27, 1923 is herewith returned. Please be advised that a railroad company's freight bill, such as is attached to this voucher, is not considered by the Government accounting officers as sufficient evidence on which to make payments. If no Government bill of lading covering this shipment has been issued it will be necessary for you to obtain from the shipping office a statement to this effect, also a delivery receipt from the receiving office, each of which should contain sufficient information to properly identify the shipment concerned. The form ordinarily used by carriers when Government shipments are made without Government bills of lading, if properly accomplished, will be acceptable.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

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acting Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1923.

Mr. Charles Hebblewhite,

Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover, registered mail, the old gold forwarded by you for sale to the Mint, and have to advise you that deposits of this nature are not acceptable unless presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

M McReily

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1923.

Mr. H. P. Christenson,

Laclede, Idaho.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Boise, Idaho, where an assay will be made for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00, and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1923.

Mr. M. M. Karnes,
Route No. 1, Box 45,
Spiro, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 11 you are advised that the Government has no knowledge of an instrument which will discover buried treasure.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1923.

Searls & Searls,

Nevada City, California.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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Affidavit May 31.
Letter June 12.

June 18, 1923.

United Comstock Mines Co.,

Gold Hill, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1923.

Mr. E. M. Fuqua,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act Approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Brackett

Director of the Mint.

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June 18, 1923.

Presidio Mining Company,

Shafter, Texas.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Crowley

Director of the Mint.

OR

June 18, 1923.

Tonopah Extension Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Dudley

Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

J. E. Crabtree

Director of the Mint.

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June 18, 1923.

The Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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June 16, 1923.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

The enclosed tenders of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. They are accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drobey

Director of the Mint.

OTP

June 18, 1923.

The American Metal Company, Ltd.,
61 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1923.

St. Joseph Lead Company,
60 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1923.

United States Smelting, Refining and Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

MR

June 18, 1923.

Arizona Silver Mines Company,

Mill City, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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June 16, 1923.

Homestake Milling Company,

Leads, South Dakota.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1923.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

J. E. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night

June 18, 1923.

Tonopah Mining Company,
Tonopah, Nevada.

Following tenders silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery San Francisco

May thirty first	eighty three hundred ten ounces
May thirty first	eighty two hundred sixty five ounces
June first	sixty two hundred sixty ounces
June second	forty four hundred thirty ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ARE WRITTEN:

Night

Washington,

June 18, 1923.

West End Consolidated Company,
Tonopah, Nevada.

Following tenders silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery San Francisco

May thirty first five thousand eighty three ounces
May thirty first eight thousand fifty six ounces
June first three thousand eight thirty one ounces
June second six thousand three seventy eight ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
2—4736
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2138.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Night

Washington,
June 18, 1923.

E. M. Fuqua,
Tonopah, Nevada.

Following tenders silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery San Francisco

May thirty first six fourteen ounces
May thirty first twelve hundred twelve ounces
May thirty first eleven hundred twenty seven ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

AL BUSINESS.
VERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

BE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night

June 18, 1925.

Arizona Silver Mines Company,
Mill City, Nevada.

Following tenders silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery San Francisco

May	thirty first	five hundred ounces
May	thirty first	five hundred ounces
June	first	five hundred ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

FICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

IRE WRITTEN:

Washington,
June 18, 1923.

Night

Consolidated Cortez Silver Mines,
Beowawe, Nevada.

Following tenders silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery San Francisco

May thirty first	sixty eight forty ounces
May thirty first	seventy eighty eight ounces
June first	sixty six eighty ounces
June second	sixty one forty one ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

CIAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

Washington,
June 18, 1923.

Night

Bunker Hill Smelters,
Kellogg, Idaho.

Following tenders silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery San Francisco

May thirty first twenty three three ten ounces
May thirty first twenty four two thirty two ounces
June first fifteen thousand three ten ounces
June second twenty five seven eighty three ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

TERCIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN

Washington,

Night

June 18, 1923.

Ekoro Mines Company,
Jarbidge, Nevada.

Following offers silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery San Francisco

May thirty first	one seven seven ounces
May thirty first	eighty five ounces
June first	seventy five ounces
June second	two hundred three ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

L BUSINESS.
ERNMENT RATES.
HARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Night

Washington,
June 18, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,
Tonopah, Nevada.

Following offers silver accepted under Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery San Francisco

May thirty first	eighty four	forty five ounces
May thirty first	fifteen four	forty six ounces
June first	twelve six	thirty two ounces
June second	twelve one	eighty ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

TAR TERMS BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night June 16, 1923.

Candelaria Mines Company,
Candelaria, Nevada.

Following offers silver accepted under terms Pittman Act ans subject regulations delivery San Francisco

May twenty ninth	twenty one twenty six ounces
May thirty first	twenty six seventy six ounces
May thirty first	twenty three ten ounces
June first	twenty seven eighty five ounces
June second	eighteen twelve ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

FICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
2—3735
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night

June 18, 1923.

Mogollon Mines Company,
Mogollon, New Mexico.

Following tenders silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery San Francisco

May thirty first	eleven hundred seventy nine ounces
May thirty first	seven hundred forty seven ounces
June first	three hundred twenty five ounces
June second	six hundred eight two ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

FOR COMMERCIAL BUSINESS.
AT GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2120.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,
Night June 18, 1923.

Rochester Silver Corporation,
Rochester, Nevada.

Following tenders silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery San Francisco

May thirty first fifteen hundred ninety eight ounces
May thirty first eighteen hundred eighteen ounces
June first fourteen hundred ninety seven ounces
June second ten hundred twenty two ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

IAL BUSINESS.
VERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 18, 1923.

Night

Frank Margrave, Receiver for
Nevada Packard Mines Company,
Lower Rochester, Nevada.

Following tenders silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery San Francisco

May thirty first eleven hundred three ounces
May thirty first sixteen hundred nineteen ounces
June first eight hundred seventy two ounces
June second five hundred fourteen ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

IERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night

June 18, 1923.

United Comstock Mines Company,
Gold Hill, Nevada.

Following tenders silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery San Francisco

May thirty first	thirty eight hundred ounces
June first	forty two hundred ounces
June first	forty one hundred fifty ounces
June second	thirty six hundred ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

FICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 18, 1923.

O'Connell Mining Company,
Lovelock, Nevada.

Offer May thirty first of eight hundred ounces silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery San Francisco

O'Reilly

Acting Director

IAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2124

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Night

Washington,

June 18, 1923.

Barnes King Development Company,
Marysville, Montana.

Offer May thirty first of ninety five ounces ~~Pittman~~ silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery San Francisco

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night June 18, 1923.

Tintic Milling Company,
Silver City, Utah.

Following tenders silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery San Francisco

May thirty first thirty nine hundred eighty ounces
May thirty first twenty three hundred eighty six ounces
June first thirteen hundred thirty two ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 18, 1923.

Night

Tintic Standard Mining Company,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Following tenders silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery San Francisco

May thirty first thirty eight hundred thirty seven ounces
May thirty first eighty three hundred eighty one ounces
June first thirty four hundred ninety eight ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
June 16, 1923.

Night

Consolidated Virginia Mining Company,
Virginia City, Nevada.

Following tenders silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery San Francisco

May twenty nineth twenty six hundred fifty ounces
June first five hundred ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

SENT WRITTEN

Washington,
June 15, 1925.

Mint

American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Ox Following tenders silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery San Francisco

May thirty first two hundred eleven thousand ounces
May thirty first one hundred thirty five thousand ounces
~~May thirty first~~ one hundred twenty nine thousand ounces
June first_____/
June second one hundred fifty six thousand ounces
Offer June second four thousand eight hundred thirty ounces accepted delivery ~~Denver~~ Philadelphia

O'Reilly Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR ...Contg. Mr. Mint Bureau, 1925.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 218

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Night

Washington,
June 13, 1923.

Tonopah Extension Mining Company,
Tonopah, Nevada.

Following tenders silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery San Francisco

May thirty first four thousand twelve ounces
May thirty first five thousand four fifty three ounces
June first four thousand five hundred seven ounces
June second three thousand nine forty one ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night

June 16, 1923.

American Metal Company, Ltd.,
61 Broadway,
New York City.

Following tenders silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery Philadelphia

May thirty first	twenty four thousand seven hundred four ounces
May thirty first	twenty seven thousand three hundred five ounces
June first	six thousand five hundred seventy five ounces
June first	twenty seven thousand three hundred fifty six ounces
June second	twenty three thousand and eight ounces

O'Reilly
Acting Director

AL BUSINESS.
VERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night

June 18, 1923.

St. Louis Smelting and Refining Works,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Offer May thirty first thirty two thousand ounces silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery Philadelphia

O'Reilly

Acting Director

AL BUSINESS.
VERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ....Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which ...
...e must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night June 18, 1926.

United States Smelting Refining and Mining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Following tenders silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery Philadelphia

June first forty nine thousand five hundred seventy two ounces
June second forty four thousand four hundred forty nine ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1926.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN

Night

Washington,
June 18, 1923.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Following tenders silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery Philadelphia

June first two hundred forty thousand ounces
June second one hundred fifteen thousand ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Mr. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
June 18, 1925.

Night

Donald C. Cameron,
Belmont, Nevada.

Following tenders silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery San Francisco

May thirty first four hundred sixty six ounces
May thirty first three hundred eighty four ounces
June first two hundred fifty seven ounces
June second two hundred eighty three ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN

Washington,

Night June 13, 1923.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway, New York City.

Following tenders silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery Philadelphia

June first two hundred forty thousand ounces
June second one hundred fifteen thousand ounces less forty seven thousand seven forty three ounces overtendered per your letter June thirteenth making total acceptance three hundred seven thousand two hundred fifty seven ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

June 19, 1923.

Mr. J. D. Harris, General Agent,
Department of Justice,
Division of Accounts,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 16 please be advised that the rates of exchange on English money on April 6 and 10, and French money on April 10, 20, 23 and 27 were as follows:

April	English Pound Sterling	French Franc
6	$ 4.6685	$ .0662
10	4.6512	.0667
20	4.6577	.0666
23	4.6615	.0668
27	4.6344	.0679

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1923.

Mr. Jewry Kaufman,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, New York.

Sir:

Your voucher for subsistence expenses, June 11th to 18th, is herewith returned. Please have notarial seal attached, also indicate on reverse of voucher time of departure from Philadelphia for New York.

Respectfully,

M. M. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

S

June 19, 1923.

United States Smelting, Refining, and Mining Co.,
55 Congress Street,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Please inform this office whether unpaid-for silver - that for which no payments were made because of the small percentage of silver contained in the ore - has been taken into your record of silver receipts and reported to this office in your abstracts from books of account. If so, also please indicate whether such silver has been stated under the head of domestic, or foreign, or both. If not stated in your receipts please inform me whether my understanding is correct that it is reflected in your abstracts from books only as affecting losses and gains.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1928.

United Metals Selling Co.,
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Please inform this office whether unpaid-for silver - that for which no payments were made because of the small percentage of silver contained in the ore - has been taken into your record of silver receipts and reported to this office in your abstracts from books of account. If so, also please indicate whether such silver has been stated under the head of domestic, or foreign, or both. If not stated in your receipts please inform me whether my understanding is correct that it is reflected in your abstracts from books only as affecting losses and gains.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1923.

American Metal Company, Ltd.,
61 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

The following tenders of silver are hereby accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act and subject to the regulations for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

May 31,	24,704	ounces	
May 31,	27,305	"	
June 1,	6,575	"	
June 1,	27,356	"	
June 2,	23,008	"	
	108,948		
Less	14,748	"	Overtenders, per your letters 6/14/23.
Total	94,200	"	

It is noted that the over-tenders are on account of both the United Verde Copper Company and the Copper Range Company. It is understood that you will make adjustment between these companies as to the amount deliverable from each.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

F. Acting Director of the Mint.

COPY

June 19, 1923.

United States Smelting, Refining and Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

Your tenders of silver for sale to the Director of the Mint under the terms of the Pittman Act are hereby accepted subject to the regulations, for delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia, as follows:-

June 1,	49,572	ounces
" 2,	44,449	"

In this connection please be advised that the amount previously over-tendered, shown by your communication of June 14 to have been as of May 29, 1923, prior to considering the tenders hereby accepted, 132,641 ounces, being undeliverable will not be received on prior acceptances. Please adjust your deliveries accordingly.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

F. Acting Director of the Mint.

Bureau of the Mint,
June 19, 1923.

Respectfully referred to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., for attention in adjusting amounts to be received from the United States Smelting Refining and Mining Company.

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1923.

United States Smelting, Refining and Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

Your tenders of silver for sale to the Director of the Mint under the terms of the Pittman Act are hereby accepted subject to the regulations, for delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia, as follows:-

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Respectfully,

F. Acting Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1923.

Tonopah Extension Mining Company,
Tonopah, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed tenders of silver reached the Office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. They are accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1923.

Arizona Silver Mines Company,
Mill City, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Co.,
Tonopah, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed tenders of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 19[illegible]. They are, accordingly, returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1923.

E. M. Fuqua,
Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tenders of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. They are accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1923.

Elkoro Mines Company,
Jarbidge, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed tenders of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. They are, accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,
Tonopah, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed tenders of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. They are accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1923.

Presidio Mining Company,
Shafter, Texas.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1923.

The Tonopah, Mining Company,
Tonopah, Nevada.

Gentlmen:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 19,1923.

American Metal Company,
61 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1923.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 25, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

June 19, 1923.

Rochester Silver Corporation,
Rochester, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed tenders of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. They are accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1923.

United Comstock Mine Co.,
Gold Hill, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed tenders of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. They are accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

June 19, 1923.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed tenders of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1923. They are accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
June 20, 1923.

C. D. Kaeding,
Care Rochester Silver Corporation,
San Francisco, California.

Replying your wire nineteenth Rochester Silver Corporation advised by telegram eighteenth of acceptances tenders May thirty first to June second amounting to five thousand nine hundred thirty five ounces last amount ten twenty two

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
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June 20, 1923.

E. M. Fuqua,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1923.

Irvington Smelting and Refining Works,

Irvington, New Jersey.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Mary N. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1923.

Presidio Mining Company,

Marfa, Texas.

Sirs:

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Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1923.

Candelaria Mines Company,

Candelaria, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tenders of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. They are accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

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Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1923.

The Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Mary M. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1923.

The American Metal Company, Ltd.,
61 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1925.

Mr. Edmund Randolph Laine, Jr.,
Dean of St. Luke's Cathedral,
Portland, Maine.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 15 you are advised that a fifty-cent piece commemorating the tercentenary of the landing of the Walloons has been authorized, but a design has not yet been submitted or approved. These coins, when ready, will not be distributed by the Treasury Department. I would suggest that you communicate with the National Huguenot-Walloon New Netherland Commission, 105 East 22nd St., New York, N.Y.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Mary M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1923.

Rochester Silver Corporation,

Rochester, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Mary O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1923.

Tonopah Extension Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1923.

Mr. H. F. McWilliam,

Rockymount, North Carolina.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of recent date you are advised that Confederate money has no value as currency.

The Government issues no catalogue showing prices paid for rare coins. I would suggest that you communicate with the American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 156th and 157th Sts., New York.

Respectfully,

M. McReady

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1925.

The Annalist,
Times Square,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of May 28th, concerning renewal of our subscription for the coming fiscal year, please be advised that subscription to same, ending June 30, 1925, will not be renewed, and it is requested that delivery cease on that date.

Respectfully,

Mary M. Rich

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 21, 1923.

Tonopah Extension Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Mary M. [illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 21, 1923.

United Comstock Mined Company,

Gold Hill, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully.

Mary M. Whitlock

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 21, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1923.

E. M. Fuqua,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 21, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 16, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 16, 1923.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 21, 1923.

Presidio Mining Company,

Shafter, Texas.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 21, 1923.

Mr. E. E. Wilson, Asst. Cashier,
The First National Bank,
Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 15 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922, which gives all the available information relative to the amount of coins issued by the Treasury. For information relative to paper money I would suggest you address the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 21, 1923.

Mr. J. W. Coy,

Parnassus, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of June 20 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention. You are advised that this Department has no information concerning the Eldorado Gold Star Mining Company of Los Angeles. The Treasury Department exercises no supervision over the gold and silver mines of the United States.

Respectfully,

Mary M. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 21, 1923.

Mr. W. S. Whitehead,
611 Bulletin Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 21, 1923, stating that you are interested in a mine at Waxhaw, North Carolina, I have to advise that there are no records available which would indicate that deposits of gold mined in the Howie, otherwise known as Colossus, mine were madeat the Charlotte or Philadelphia Mint, as deposits are not segregated by mines.

As of possible interest to you I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which covers the production of precious metals in the United States.

Respectfully,

M. H. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 21, 1928.

Mr. George P. Byrne,
Room 610, 55 Park Place,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 12 please be advised that all silver accepted for delivery under the terms of the Pittman Act has not been delivered. It is estimated that several months will be required to complete deliveries; that is undelivered acceptances are probably several million ounces in advance of the amount of deliveries.

For your information I am enclosing copies of circulars recently issued giving information which may be of value to you.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 21, 1923.

Mr. P. Sekerinski,
Hassanischestrasse 19, bei Meinrich,
Berlin, Wilmersdorf, Germany.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 25, 1923, I regret to advise you that the notes of the Confederate States of American you describe have no value as currency.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 21, 1923.

Mr. John M. Leish,
Director, Mines Branch,
Department of Mines,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 12, please be advised that the following rates are paid to employees at the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington:

	Per Annum	Increased Compensation
Assayer in Charge	$ 2750	
Assistant Assayer	2000	$ 240.00
Clerk, Class 4	1700	240.00
Clerk, Class 3	1500	240.00
Weigher	1600	240.00
Melter	1600	240.00
Assistant Melter	1500	240.00
Skilled Workman	1300	240.00
Watchmen	900	240.00

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 21, 1923.

Chief, Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to the letter of the Treasurer of the Philippine Islands, dated April 26, 1923, transmitted under date of May 2, 1923, by the Under Secretary of Finance, Manila, asking whether the Mint of the United States would buy old Spanish gold coins and gold bullion for Philippine currency, please be advised that the Mints of the United States would purchase foreign gold coin as bullion, and pay for it, after nominal charges have been deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes, by check drawn on the Treasurer of the United States.

The letter of the Under Secretary of Finance and the letter of the Treasurer of the Philippine Islands is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

F. H. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1923.

Chief Coordinator,
Arlington Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

From telephone communication or this date please be advised that it is understood by this Bureau that the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia which has contracted to supply Mint bags for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, will not be able to supply bags beyond that period at the present contract price, and that to the knowledge of this Bureau no arrangements have been made for a supply of coin bags for the fiscal year 1924.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June. 22, 1923.

Mr. A. S. Ernest, Examiner,
United States Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of June 4, 1923, relative to draft of proposed announcement of examination for Assistant Assayer was forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York, and under date of June 19 that officer reports as follows:

"In reply to your letter of June 4th, relative to draft of announcement covering position of Assistant Assayer, New York City, which to advise that the duties as outlined apply only in the case of the minor Assay Offices.

"In the Mints and Assay Office at New York the Assistant Assayer has supervisory position, receiving results of assays made by individual operators, collecting and preparing final report, subject to revision by the Assayer. The requirements as outlined would however, qualify an applicant for any position in the Assay Department. If the title of Assistant Assayer in the Draft be changed to Weigher, the announcement would be in order. The title of Technical Assistant could be abolished in the use of this title of Weigher."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1923.

Mr. E. W. Quirk,
Brandt Manufacturing Co.,
Watertown, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 19 I am enclosing copy of the last Circulation Statement which gives the amount of coin in circulation on June 1. This statement is issued monthly.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1923.

Hon. Carl Hayden,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of June 19 enclosing a communication from Mr. K. Davis, Postmaster, Vail, Arizona, relative to the contemplated action by the Government in regard to the withdrawal of one dollar bills and the substitution of silver currency. The Treasury Department has not under consideration a proposal to withdraw from circulation one dollar bills. Silver dollars are now being coined under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, and silver certificates are issued to represent them.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1923.

Mr. L. M. Wallace,
227 N. Court St.,
Ottumwa, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your card of June 18 you are advised that there were $1,540,102.70 in dimes coined in 1904. There was nothing unusual about these coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1923.

Mr. W. H. Merrics, Secretary,
American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Merriss:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 20, 1923, requesting that acceptance of 631,000 ounces of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to San Francisco be amended to permit shipment to the Mint at Philadelphia. There would appear to be no reason why this Bureau could not arrange to have this silver diverted to the Mint at Philadelphia, but before advising the Mints to that effect this Bureau would like to be advised if you would consent to deliver 200,000 ounces of this silver to the Mint at Denver, Colorado, leaving 431,000 ounces to be sent to Philadelphia instead of San Francisco.

We will take no further action in the matter until we hear from you in regard to our desire to obtain 200,000 ounces of silver for Denver. The reason we are making this request is that we expect to start the electrolytic refinery at the Mint in Denver and need this fine silver to begin operation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1923.

E. M. Fuqua,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1925.

Mr. James A. Caselton, Asst. Manager,
St. Louis Smelting and Refining Works,
722 Chestnut Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 19 you are correct in your understanding that your offer of May 31, amounting to 32,000 ounces of silver has been accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and it is desired by this Bureau that delivery of the silver be made as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1923.

Mr. Sidney McNeil,
Bank of Wann,
Wann, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Your letter of May 5, 1923, addressed to the Kansas City Star has been forwarded to this Bureau under date of June 19. In the year 1895 there were coined 862,880 silver dollars. There is no way of telling how many of these coins are in circulation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1923.

Candelaria Mines Company,

Candelaria, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mints have the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1923.

Tonopah Extension Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1923.

United Comstock Mines Company,

Gold Hill, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1923.

Consolidated Virginia Mining Company,

Virginia City, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Neill

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1925.

The Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

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Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1923.

Presidio Mining Company,

Marfa, Texas.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1923.

United States Smelting, Refining and Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

It is understood from your letter of the 20th that overtenders to May 29th of 132,641 ounces silver were in part offset by tender of June 1; but after our acceptance of 44,449 ounces tendered June 2nd, you are still overtendered in the quantity 38,261 ounces on the basis of your receipts to include June 1st. If such understanding is correct please consider this an amendment to our letter of June 19th to the extent of making the undeliverable quantity 38261 instead of 132,641 ounces.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1923.

The Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reddy

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1923.

Mr. N. B. Kelly, General Secretary,
Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of June 21, 1923, requesting to be advised as to the reason for the closing of the Philadelphia Mint to visitors has been received.

All of the Mints and Assay Offices have been closed to visitors for an indefinite period for the purpose of more closely guarding the large amount of coin and bullion on hand. I feel sure you will appreciate the urgent need of the precaution now being exercised, and the position of the Department in its effort to adhere impartially to the decision to close the Mints to visitors for the present.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1925.

Mr. Edward Fitzgerald,
Bright School, 107th St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 19 you are advised that the initials appearing on the obverse of many of the coins are those of the designer. The Mint mark appears on the reverse of the coins. The Mint mark of the San Francisco Mint is the letter "S"; that of Denver the letter "D", while coins manufactured at the Mint in Philadelphia are known by the absence of the Mint mark.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1923.

Candelaria Mines Company,

Candelaria, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. N. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1923.

Mr. A. B. Wilson,
c/o United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Responding to your request of June 18 I am enclosing three requests for Pullman transportation.

With personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

June 23, 1923.

Mr. B. Haggott Beckhart,
152 Ames Avenue,
Leonia, N.J.

Sir:

Your letter of recent date addressed to the Federal Reserve Board, Washington, has been referred to this office for attention.

Responding to your inquiry in regard to the effect of the ruling of the War Industries Board making gold mining an essential industry, I am forwarding to you as of possible source of satisfactory information the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922 which presents all of the statistics on production, import and export of gold in this office.

For information relative to the McFadden gold bonus bill I would suggest that you address the Document Clerk, United States Senate, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 23, 1925.

Sinaloa Exploration and Development Co.,
Mogollon, New Mexico.

Your statement received Your offer of receipts to May eighteenth eleven hundred eighty ounces May nineteenth to twenty eighth eighteen hundred twenty seven ounces May thirty first one hundred fifty four ounces silver accepted under terms Pittman Act and subject regulations delivery Mint Denver Regret cannot accept additional ten twenty six ounces mentioned your letter June eighteenth Total accepted thirty one hundred sixty one ounces

O'Reilly

Acting Director

AL BUSINESS.
VERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 5128

June 25, 1923.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

In accordance with directions received from the Secretary of the Treasury on June 28, 1920, I have the honor to submit the monthly estimate of the value of the silver content of the following coins:

Mexican Dollar	$0.5147
British and Hong-Kong Dollar	.5109
Yuan Dollar	.5034

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1923.

General Supply Committee,

Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

The Superintendent of the Denver Mint reports that he desires to turn in a Remington typewriter, model 10, and to purchase an Underwood No. 3, 12 inch carriage. Will you please advise this Bureau if you have in stock a machine which will satisfy the requirements of the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1923.

Mr. Milton W. Strawn, Cashier,
Central National Bank,
Alva, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 20, 1923, I am unable to advise you of the exchange value of the English Pound on June 18, 1888. I would suggest as a possible source of information your New York correspondent bank.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1923.

Director of Supply,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Confirming telephone communication of June 20 please be advised that it is understood by this Bureau that the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia which has contracted to supply Mint bags for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, will not be able to supply bags beyond that period at the present contract price, and that to the knowledge of this Bureau no arrangements have been made for a supply of coin bags for the fiscal year 1924.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

June 25, 1923.

Mr. Charles A. Davis,
761 Summit Avenue,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 20 you are advised that the three coinages Mints, namely, Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco, have coined silver dollars during the current calendar year, while the Mint at Philadelphia has been the only one to coin one cent pieces this year. No fifty cent pieces of the regular issue have been manufactured this year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1923.

Department of Agriculture,
Bureau of Plant Industry,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the United States Assay Office at New York, amount $10.00, covering cost of repairing 1 platinum crucible for your office. Please issue check for same payable to the Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office at New York.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

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Director of the Mint.

June 26, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find supplemental affidavits to be filed with Pittman silver warrants #354,361,368,378,384,387,397, 404,408,418,429,434,438,452, 461, and 467, deposits by the Golden Cycle Mining and Refining Co., also #370, deposit by the Carbonate National Bank. These warrants were forwarded to your office June 16, 1923 and are a part of the account of R. J. Grant, Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado for the quarter ended March 31, 1923.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

s
Inc.

June 26, 1923.

UNITED METALS SELLING CO.,
25 Broadway,
N. Y.

Sirs:

The following silver miner's affidavits filed in this office with your letter of June 9, 1922, state that settlement will be made at the rate of one dollar, etc.; please forward amended affidavits stating that settlement has been made at the rate of one dollar, etc.:

Miner	Period	Ounces
North Butte Mining Co.	Month of Jan. 1922	1291.34
do	" " Feb. 1922	4159.79
do	" " Mar. 1922	2292.99
Quincy Mining Co.	" " " 1922	13524.91

The affidavits of the North Butte Co. also state that the silver will be delivered to the United Metals Selling Company for sale; this also should be amended.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 26, 1923.

Mr. Joseph Dysarz,

Lay, Colorado.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward this material to the United States Assay Office, Deadwood, S. D., where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

MR

June 23, 1923.

Consolidated Virginia Mining Company,

Virginia City, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 26, 1923.

Tonopah Extension Mining Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 26, 1923.

Candelaria Mines Company,

Candelaria, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 26, 1923.

E. M. Paqua,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 26, 1923.

The U.S. Mines Company,

Gold Hill, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

OR

Enclosure

June 26, 1923.

The Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 26, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tenders of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. They are accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully;

Director of the Mint.

June 26, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tenders of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 26, 1923.

American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

Replying to your letter of June 23, 1923, please be advised that the Mint at San Francisco has been notified that the 631,000 ounces of silver purchased from you under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to that Mint has been diverted, and the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been advised that 451,000 ounces of this amount will be shipped by you to his institution. The Denver Mint has also been advised that you will ship to them the balance of 200,000 ounces on this purchase.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 26, 1913.

Dr. F. W. Hankins,
601 Peoples Savings & Trust Co. Building,
Akron, Ohio.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the gold dental scrap forwarded by you. As there is no place in Washington where deposits of this nature are accepted by the Government I have today forwarded this scrap to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York, and have requested that officer to communicate with you directly regarding the same. For your information the New York Assay Office is not required to accept such deposits unless they approximate or exceed $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FR

June 26, 1923.

Mr. N. T. Bacon,

Peace Dale, Rhode Island.

Sir:

Replying to your card of June 14 you are advised that the Lithuanian monetary unit, the gold litas, is the equivalent of ten cents, United States. Beginning with July 1, 1923, the Treasury Department circular will include the unit of Lithuania.

The Panama monetary unit, the gold balboa, is the equivalent of $1.00 United States. Very little gold or silver circulates, United States currency being the actual money in use. The Panama silver peso contains 347.22 grains pure silver, as compared with 371.25 grains in the United States silver dollar; the 46¢ quotation mentioned by you is probably on the basis of market value of silver contained in the peso.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

OK

June 26, 1923.

United States Smelting Refining and Mining Co., Inc.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

The affidavit herewith of the Pioche Assay Office will be accepted by the Director of the Mint as evidencing domestic production of 715.8 ounces of silver produced in Nevada for purchase under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Please file copy of this letter with the affidavit.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

June 26, 1923.

St. Joseph Lead Company,
60 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

The affidavit forwarded with your letter of June 25, 1923, showing your inventory of silver on hand at the end of each month from December, 1922 to May, 1923, has been received.

Enclosed herewith please find copy of supplemental regulations dated May 4, 1923, from which you will note that the abstracts from books of account required contemplates that accounts shall be on a continuing basis. For example -- balance December 31, plus receipts January to March inclusive, less operating losses, less shipments, should equal balance on hand at the beginning of the April accounting period.

Will you please forward abstracts prepared on the above basis.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1923

UNITED METALS SELLING CO.,
26 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sirs:

Several affidavits accompanying your letter of May 25, 1923, enclosing affidavits for 3,130,360.39 ozs. to cover 3,130,359.06 ozs. as the proportion of sales at a price in excess of $1.00 per ounce applicable to domestic silver, appear to be in error.

Affidavits of the Timber Butte Milling Company are classified as miners affidavits whereas they appear to be middlemens, in that in each instance the company is referred to as a milling company and as owner of the Timber Butte Mill. Correct form of miners affidavit showing source, etc., requested. They are as follows:

Timber Butte Milling Co.		April 1922	104,201.83
" "		" "	80,021.80
" "		May "	17,299.00
" "		" "	125,966.42
" "		June "	98,950.68
" "		" "	12,435.25

Miners affidavit of J. W. Goodhue, for 272.12 ozs. delivered at the Tooele smelter, from the Pilot Mine, county of Plumas, California, is lacking a notarial seal. An attached affidavit of Dudley M. White, employee of the International Smelting Co. at Salt Lake City, Utah, certifies that owing to certain climatic conditions the said J. W. Goodhue was unable to appear before a notary public for execution of oath, and also that he is familiar with signature of J. W. Goodhue and that he believes the signature

is a true and correct one. Please forward the original correspondence on which the affidavit of Dudley A. White is based.

Miners affidavit of Frank C. Walker, attorney in fact of Mrs. J. W. Cotter, owner of Right Title mine, county of Silver Bow, Montana, for 228.73 ozs. is without seal of notary.

Please forward data for clearing the above mentioned items.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F.

June 27, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

MR

June 27, 1923.

Dr. G. August Pielemeier,
520 Main Street,
Vincennes, Ind.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 22, 1923, you are advised that the United States Assay Office, New York City, accepts gold dental scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value, and pays for the same by check drawn on the Treasurer of the United States after nominal charges have been deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

F. E. Zoby

Director of the Mint.

HR

June 27, 1923.

Mr. A. Siegel,
278 Barret St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the five cent piece forwarded by you, and have to advise you that there is no premium paid for the coin enclosed. There are millions of these five cent pieces in circulation. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1923.

Mr. H. F. Rood, Vice President,
Hercules Powder Company,
Wilmington, Delaware.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 22 I regret to advise you that this Bureau has no record of the value in United States gold of the Chilean paper peso for the years 1871 to date.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1923.

Mr. Almeron W. Wickham,
919 Grant Street,
Gloucester City, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 25 you are advised that application for the Monore Coin should be addressed to the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1923.

Mr. G. A. Gunn, Assistant Cashier,
Exchange National Bank of Tulsa,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 22 please be advised that applications for the Monroe Doctrine Centennial Coins should be addressed to the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California. It is understood these coins are being sold at a premium.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

June 27, 1923.

Mr. Joseph A. Hickey,
38 Burnside Street,
Providence, Rhode Island.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 16 please be advised that there were issued 30,300 in buffalo nickels before a modification was made in the design. We have no means of knowing how many of these coins are now in circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1923.

Tropical Trading Company,

New Orleans, La.

Sirs:

Your letter of June 19 addressed to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, has been referred to this Bureau for attention. The cost of manufacturing the coins, samples of which were submitted, would be as follows:

The cost will be $5.00 per 1000 pieces. The alloy to consist of copper either 91½% or 92% and aluminum 8½% or 8%. The tolerance on each piece to be 2 grains.

The above price includes the cost of working dies. Master dies, metal and boxing for shipping will be extra. After receiving master die and metal the order can be completed in twenty days -- after August 1, 1923.

It is assumed that the weight of the piece submitted is two grams.

To complete the order it will require 4,056.4115 lbs. of copper and 352.7031 lbs. of aluminum.

The above alloy will be very difficult to work. It would be practicable if the alloy were 95% copper and 5% aluminum, the cost of which would be $4.00 per 1000 pieces.

If the alloy were the same as United States coins, viz: either 75% copper and 25% nickel, or 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc, we could make the coins for $3.00 per 1000 pieces.

Please be advised that the Mint at Philadelphia would not undertake this coinage unless request was made by the represent-

ative of the Guatemalan Government at this Capital through the State Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 28, 1923.

Mr. R. J. Jeffery, Assistant Cashier,
The First National Bank of Laurium,
Laurium, Michigan.

Sir:

Your letter of June 15 addressed to the United States Mint Service, New York City, has been forwarded to this Bureau. This letter is to advise you that the gold medal mentioned in your letter has not reached this office. It may be that the package containing the medal was properly addressed to the United States Assay Office, New York City.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

June 28, 1923.

Mr. Theodore Roesch,
249 Moserole Street,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 26 please be advised that application for the Monroe Centennial half dollars should be addressed to the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California. The Treasury Department is not handling the distribution of these coins, and it is understood that the Los Angeles Clearing House disposes of them at a premium.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

June 28, 1923.

Mr. C. L. Breger,
500 West 114th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 27, 1923, addressed to me and to your letter of the same date addressed to Hon. S. Parker Gilbert, Under Secretary of the Treasury, which letter has been referred to this Bureau for attention, please be advised that the same officers who certify and pay for all bullion, either gold or silver, purchased by the United States Mints, certify and pay for silver purchased under the Act of April 23, 1918, namely the Superintendents of the respective Mints and the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York.

The procedure and terms which must be complied with in making sales to the Government under the terms of the Pittman Act are contained in the regulations, copy of which is attached.

The amount of silver received and paid for under the terms of the Pittman Act up to the close of business March 31, 1923, was 162,063,454.90 ounces.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1923.

The Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Mr McBilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1923.

E. M. Fuqua,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuait to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1923.

Mr. Farris Wilson,

Ben Wheeler, Texas.

Sir:

Your letter of June 15 addressed to the Bureau of Efficiency has been referred to this office for attention. Replying you are advised that the Monroe Centennial half dollars are being distributed by the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California. It is understood they are being disposed of at a premium.

For your information I am enclosing a copy of the Act authorizing the issue of these coins.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 30, 1923.

Dear Mrs. Carpenter:

The Riggs National Bank advised the Bureau today that the National City Bank of New York had written a letter of appreciation for the promptness with which you forwarded to them $2.30 in new coins.

Very truly yours,

M. McReels

Mrs. Virginia Carpenter,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 30, 1923.

The Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Jn. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 30, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the Office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 30, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 30, 1923.

E. M. Fuqua,

Tonopan, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 30, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find affidavits of the Phelps-Dodge Corporation and the Calumet and Arizona Smelter, covering the following lots of silver purchases, the miner's affidavits supporting which were forwarded to your office on June 26, 1923 with the accounts of the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., for the quarter ended March 31, 1923:

Phelps-Dodge Corporation

Received	Ounces
July, 1922	82,906.84
Aug. 1922	117,277.91
Sept. 1922	108,576.41
Oct. 1922	106,079.97

Calumet and Arizona Smelter

July, 1922	93,489.70
Aug. 1922	83,769.70
Sept. 1922	78,950.70
Oct. 1922	89,612.60
Nov. 1922	83,193.40

Please file same herewith.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1923

The Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Complying with your request in letter of the 25th instant I am enclosing cardboard impressions with inscriptions sketched of the proposed medal for Dr. Stratton.

The Engraver submits the following estimates on the cost of this medal:

Gold in the medal will be about		$80.00
Case for gold medal		2.00
Engraving on gold medal		5.00
Total		87.00
Copies in bronze	each	.75
100 impressions in cardboard		5.00

Mr. Morgan states that the medal department is closed and will not resume work until after July 4th, unless you give other instructions.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Encs.

Respectfully referred to Mr. R. W. Smith,
210 South Building, Bureau of Standards.

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1923.

Mr. Joseph Payne, Jr.,
Somerset, Colorado.
Box 323.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 15, 1923, you are advised that the total number of silver dollars coined in 1922 was 92,388,000. Coins of this design are being executed at the Mints at this time and will continue to be issued in years to come. There is no reason why a premium should be paid for such coins.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1923.

Inquiry Editor,
P. O. Box 1207,
City Hall Station,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 29 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922, the last issued.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1923.

Mr. A. Woolsey,
129 Chambers Street,
Newburgh, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 29, 1923, I would suggest that you communicate with the American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 156th and 157th Street, New York City, relative to the value of the gold piece you describe. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. The piece you describe is evidently a coin of private issue, many of which were in circulation in the West in the years preceding the Civil War.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W McReady

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1923.

Candelaria Mines Company,

Candelaria, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tenders of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M'M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1923.

Copper Chief Mining Company,

Clarkdale, Arizona.

Sirs:

With reference to your letter of June 23, 1923, please inform this office as to the source of the 1020 ounces of silver reported as in mill solution on May 31, 1923; is it included in the reported losses totaling 23,395.52 ounces?

Upon receipt of the above information you will be further advised as to acceptances and rendition of further accounts.

Respectfully,

M M O'Neil

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

Replying to your letter of June 25, 1923 please be referred to paragraph 4 of Supplemental Regulations approved May 4, 1923, copy enclosed, from which will be noted that monthly accounts must be rendered until final deliveries of silver under accepted tenders have been made.

Respectfully,

F. M. Kosik

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1923.

Miss Mary J. Booth, Librarian,
Eastern Illinois State Teachers College,
Charleston, Illinois.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of June 29, 1923, I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, which is issued without charge to libraries and educational institutions. This publication is not, however, distributed to the public free of charge; it is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at 45 cents a copy. I would suggest that you write to the Superintendent of Documents for a list of publications for sale by the Government Printing Office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1923.

Mr. A. C. Gerstenlauer,
228 South Main Street,
Lima, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the gold plate forwarded with your letter of June 20, 1923, and have to advise that the Mints and Assay Offices accept such deposits only when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1923.

Mr. Leo Carr,

Pylesville, Maryland.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the material forwarded with your letter of June 23, 1923, and have to advise that a visual examination would indicate that the enclosure is pyrites and of no commercial value. Should you desire an assay made, however, I would suggest that you send about five pounds of the ore to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determing gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

D M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1923.

Mr. James Beesley,

Cedar Grove, Indiana.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the material forwarded with your letter of May 30, 1923 to the Secretary of the Treasury which has been referred to this office for attention. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public, and I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,

Tonopah, Nevada,

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1923.

E. M. Fuqua,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1923.

Mr. P. B. Dunbar, Acting Chief,
Bureau of Chemistry,
United States Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 22 requesting that a platinum dish in need of repair be sent to the United States Assay Office, New York, please be advised that the Superintendent of the Assay Office reports that the time required to do the work of repair will be approximately ten days. Will you please have the platinum dish forwarded to the Superintendent, United States Assay Office, New York, at your convenience.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would re received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1923.

Mr. J. H. Ehlers,

Ouray, Colorado.

Sir:

The two pouches of ore forwarded by you to the Treasurer of the United States have been referred to this office for attention. Please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1923.

Mr. George M. Whitaker,

Monarch, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 23 please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send your material to the United States Assay Office, Helena, Montana, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

R M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1923.

Farmers and Merchants Bank,

Warwick, North Dakota.

Sirs:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 23, 1923, together with the coins referred to which were destroyed by fire. The coins in their present state are valuable only for the silver content, and as the Government is not purchasing silver, other than that contained in gold deposits, we are not in position to accept this material. The deposit cannot be accepted as mutilated coins as it is impossible to determine whether or not United States coins are contained in the mass.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1923.

Mr. E. W. Leavitt, President,
The Peoples State Bank of Alpena,
Alpena, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 29, 1923, you are advised that the fifty-cent piece you describe was issued in commemoration of the centenary of the birth of General Ulysses S. Grant, late President of the United States. These coins were distributed by the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. I am enclosing copy of the Act authorizing their issue.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1923.

Mr. F. M. Wills, Sales Manager,
The Strong Manufacturing Company,
Sebring, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 30, 1923 please be advised that the Government is not in the market for silver, that silver only being purchased which is contained in gold deposits.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1923.

Superintendent of Supplies,
General Supply Committee,
Fourteenth & B Sts., S.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 29, 1923, please be advised that the serial number of the Remington typewriter which the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Denver desires to turn in on the purchase of an Underwood is RV 60667.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1923.

Superintendent of Supplies,
General Supply Committee,
Fourteenth & B Sts., S.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 29, 1923, please be advised that the serial number of the Remington typewriter which the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Denver desires to turn in on the purchase of an Underwood is RV 60667.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1923.

Dr. Frank L. Cunningham,

Manistee, Michigan.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 23, 1923, together with package said to contain gold bullion. As there is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government I am today forwarding this package, unopened, to the Superintendent, United States Assay Office, New York City, with the request that the Superintendent communicate with you directly regarding the same.

The Government purchases dental scrap when deposits of this material are made in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. The Government does not purchase platinum, nor is an allowance made for this metal when contained in gold deposits.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 5, 1923.

Rev. L. F. Mittler,
13 Snow Avenue,
Dearborn, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 3 please be advised that the Monroe Centennial half dollar may be obtained from the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California. It is understood that these coins are being disposes of at a premium. The Treasury Department is not handling their distribution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 5, 1923.

Mrs. W. W. Weedin,
Route 6,
Kaufman, Texas.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the stone enclosed with your letter of June 26, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays are made by the Government for the public. A visual examination of this piece, however, would indicate that it is of no value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 5, 1923.

Mr. Clinton B. Dodge,

Great Bend, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 3, 1923, please be advised that this office has no knowledge of a fifty-cent piece issued for the State of Rhode Island.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 5, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 5, 1923.

Candelaria Mines Company,

Candelaria, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. McReily

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 5, 1923.

Mr. E. F. Gibbs, Assistant Cashier,
The Old Phoenix National Bank,
Medina, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 30, 1923 addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, and by him referred to this Bureau, please be advised that silver dollars have been made during the year 1923 at Philadelphia and San Francisco. The Mint at Philadelphia has also coined dimes, five cent pieces and one cent pieces during the calendar year 1923. The Mints are not allowed to distribute coins except on the order of the Treasurer of the United States, to which officer you should address application for the coins you desire.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1923.

Mr. Wm. Martin,
12407 St. Clair Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Receipt if acknowledged of gold scrap forwarded by you. As there is no place in Washington where deposits of this mature are accepted by the Government I have today forwarded this material to the Superintendent, United States Assay Office, New York, with the request that he communicate directly with you regarding the same. The deposit may be refused if it does not approximate or exceed $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

M. McRelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1923.

Dr. F. L. Cunningham,

Manistee, Michigan.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your card of July 3, 1923, in regard to a deposit of gold made by you at a prior date. Under date of July 3 this office advised you that the gold in question had been sent to the United States Assay Office, New York City, as there is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government. It is believed that you have already received our letter of July 3.

Respectfully,

M McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1923.

Mrs. Lucinda Huff,
c/o Dr. O. A. Sweet,
Martinsville, Indiana.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 1, 1923, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and referred by him to this Bureau, I regret to advise you that it would not be possible with the information you have given to trace the deposit to which you have reference.

Respectfully,

M McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1923.

Candelaria Mines Company,

Candelaria, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M McO'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1923.

Mr. Guy Moffett, Acting Chairman,
Personnel Classification Board,
(Through Chief Clerk, Treasury Department).

Sir:

Your letter of June 28, 1923, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this office through the Chief Clerk of the Department.

The questionnaires covering the United States Assay Offices at Deadwood, Helena, and New York, together with questionnaires covering the balance of the field service of the Mint and Assay Service, namely -

United States Mint, Philadelphia
" " " Denver
" " " San Francisco
" " " Carson City
" " " New Orleans
" " Assay Office, Seattle
" " " " Salt Lake City
" " " " Boise City

have been transmitted through the Chief Clerk of this Department without a special report on "excepted classes" for the reason that no employees of the Mint and Assay Service have been placed in that class, under the provisions of that part of Section 5 of the Act approved March 4, 1923, which provides that the compensation schedules shall apply to those who are "* * under the direction and control of the custodian of a public building or perform work which is subordinate, incidental, or preparatory to work of a professional, scientific, or technical character."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1923.

E. M. Fuqua,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1923.

The Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1923.

Mr. Fletcher Cooper,
Room 1606 Pulitzer Building,
Park Row, New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Cooper:

I am returning the article on "Monetary System of the United States" forwarded for review with your note of July 6. The statements contained in this article are correct.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1923.

Mr. A. Konetzko,

Brunswick, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 5 please be advised that the Alabama half dollar may be obtained from the First National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama. It is understood the coins are disposed of at a premium. The Treasury Department does not handle their distribution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1923.

Mr. W. H. Kinman,

Gainesville, Mo.

Sir:

That part of your inquiry of recent date relative to the weights of the coins of the United States has been referred to this Bureau for attention. I am enclosing pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" which contains this information.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1923.

Mr. George H. Benson,
Jamestown, New York.

Sir:

Your letter of July 4, 1923, addressed to the Treasurer of the United States has been referred to this Bureau for attention. We are unable to advise you where you can obtain foreign coins. The coins of the United States are not segregated by years. There are no rare coins in the Mints at the disposal of this Department. I would suggest that the American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 156th and 157th Streets, New York City, may be of assistance to you in this matter.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 9, 1923.

Dear Senator Pittman:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter addressed on December 15, 1920, to the Director of the Mint by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia requesting an allocation of fine silver for subsidiary coinage.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Key Pittman,
Chairman of the Sub-Committee of the
Senate Commission of Gold and Silver Inquiry,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

1 enclosure.

July 9, 1923.

Candelaria Mines Company,

Candelaria, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reily

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 9, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tenders of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. They are accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 9, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 9, 1923.

Mr. Charles P. Swope,
Private Secretary to Hon. George W. Pepper,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Swope:

Mr. John Kieley, Private Secretary to the Secretary of the Treasury, has forwarded your letter of July 7 to this Bureau. In response I take pleasure in enclosing copy of the Secretary's letter of July 2 to Senator Pepper.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Leiby

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 9, 1923.

The Bankers Publishing Company,
255 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $5.00, covering one year's renewal subscription, from July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, to "The Bankers Magazine", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Mary McKeelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

s
Inc.

July 9, 1923.

Argus South African Newspapers, Ltd.,
62-65 Fleet Street,
London, E. C. 4, England.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $9.73, covering one year's renewal subscription, from July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, to "South African Mining and Engineering Journal", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

s
Inc.

July 9, 1923.

The Far Eastern Review,
8 Jinkee Road,
Shanghai, China.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $5.00, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, to "The Far Eastern Review", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

s
Inc.

July 9, 1923.

The Mining Journal,
15 George St., Mansion House,
London E. C. 4, England.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $9.75, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, to "The Mining Journal", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

s
Inc.

July 9, 1923.

The New York Times,
New York, New York.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $10.00, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, to "The New York Times" (Daily only), with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark in margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Mary McCully

Acting Director of the Mint.

s
Inc.

July 9, 1923.

Engineering and Mining Journal Press,
Tenth Avenue and 36th Street,
New York, New York.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $4.00, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, to "Engineering and Mining Journal Press", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

s
Inc.

July 9, 1923.

Edward Thompson Company,
Northport, Long Island,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $5.00, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, to "Federal Statutes Annotated, Supplement", with request that same be certified in the place opposite check mark on margin and returned to the office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Henry M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

s
Inc.

July 9, 1923.

The Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin,
32 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $15.00, covering one year's renewal subscription, from July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, to "The Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

s
Inc.

July 9, 1923.

Waterlow and Sons,
26-27 Great Winchester St.,
London, England.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $7.30, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, to "The Bankers Magazine", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

s
Inc.

July 9, 1923.

The Monetary Times,
62 Church Street,
Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher, in the sum of $3.00, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, to "The Monetary Times", with requesttthat same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

s
Inc.

July 9, 1923.

The Statist,
51 Cannon Street.,
London, E.C. 4, England.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher, in the sum of $9.08, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, to "The Statist", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Mary M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

s
Inc.

July 9, 1923.

El Economista,
Apartado 1024,
Plaza de la Independencia,
2 Madrid, Spain.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher, in the sum of $5.79, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, to "El Economista", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

s
Inc.

July 9, 1923.

The Economist,
3 Arundel Street,
Strand, London, W. C. 2, England.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher, in the sum of $29.69, covering two 1-year renewal subscriptions from July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, to the "Economist", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark in margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

It will be noted that one copy is to be addressed to the Under Secretary of the Treasury, while the other copy is to be mailed to the Office of the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

s
Inc.

July 9, 1923.

William B. Dana Company,
Front, Pine, and Depeyster Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $20.00, covering two one-year's renewal subscriptions, from July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, to the "Commercial and Financial Chronicle", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be placed in line for settlement.

It will be noted that one copy is to be addressed to the Under Secretary of the Treasury, while the other copy is to be mailed to the Office of the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department.-

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

s
Inc.

July 9, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,

Gentlemen:

Herewith find table of Parting and Refining Charges and of additional charges on white gold, effective January 1, 1923, amendatory to the Table of Charges at the Mints and Assay Offices as fixed by the Director of the Mint and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, May 14, 1919, effective July 1, 1919.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,
July 10, 1923.

Hon. F. B. Scobey,
Grand Hotel,
Mackinac Island, Michigan.

Wire received Wrote Saturday Silver Committee hearings over
All Settlements satisfactory Everything all right here

M. M. O'Reilly

L BUSINESS.
ERNMENT RATES.
HARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 3128

July 10, 1923.

Mr. Samuel Holober,
1668 President Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 9, 1923, you are advised that $2.50 gold pieces are available upon application to the Treasurer of the United States. They are not being paid out in large quantities to banks, but you may obtain a specimen by applying to the Treasurer of the United States, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

The coinage of old model silver dollar pieces was discontinued in December, 1921. The coinage of silver dollars was discontinued in 1904 and resumed in February, 1921. It may be possible for you to obtain a specimen of the 1921 silver dollar by applying to the Treasurer of the United States. There are many of these coins in circulation and they should not be at a premium.

During the calendar year 1921 there were issued 86,730,000 silver dollars of the old design, and 1,006,473 silver dollars of the new design.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1923.

Hon. Louis A. Hill,
Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have your letter of July 9, 1923, stating that for the purpose of expediting the filling of your order you had forwarded directly to the Mint at Philadelphia a steel die to be used in making copper counters. This Bureau will take pleasure in advising the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia that the order has the fullest approval of this office.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1923.

Anaconda Copper Company,
616 Hennessy Bldg.,
Butte, Montana.

Sir:

As requested in letter dated July 9, 1923, of your New York office I am returning herewith miners affidavit of Frank C. Walker, attorney for Mrs. J. W. Cotter, owner of Right Title mine, county of Silver Bow, Montana, for 222.73 ounces. Affidavit is lacking a notarial seal and it is requested that the necessary seal be affixed by the notary and affidavit returned to this office as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Mary McReily

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 10, 1923.

The Capital,
Post Box No. 14,
Calcutta, India.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that our subscription to "Capital" which expired June 30, 1923, will not be renewed. Please discontinue delivery of same upon receipt of this letter.

Herewith voucher form on which please render bill covering copies of "Capital" delivered since June 30, 1923.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1923.

Mr. John F. Harman,
Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Harman:

I have your letter of July 5, 1923, and am awaiting data from the Mints in order to reply to your inquiry regarding the amount of Pittman silver remaining undelivered. I hope we will be able to give you this information in a few days.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1923.

Mr. Addison L. Winship, Vice-President,
The National Shawmut Bank,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of June 22, 1923, and that of July 5, 1923, addressed to the Hon. F. E. Scobey, Director of the Mint, relative to the melting of Pilgrim Memorial coins, please be advised that the Treasurer of the United States has been requested to direct the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to receive the undistributed memorial coins, in amount 80,000 pieces, to be melted up. The Treasurer will forward instructions to you in regard to the shipment of the coins to the Mint at Philadelphia at your expense and risk. Please do not take any action until you have received instructions from the Treasurer.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

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Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1923.

Mrs. Louisa Purvis,
114 So. Kimball St.,
Casper, Wyoming.

Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 2, 1923, together with package said to contain ore which you desire assayed.

I am returning the material, unopened, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determing gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1923.

Mr. Brad Timms,
37 South Broad Street,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 5, 1923, you are advised that there is no place in Washington where assays are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send the ring mounting, which I am returning under separate cover, to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $4.00.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1923.

Mr. L. W. Savage,
Route No. 1, Box 122,
Oakdale, California.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded to this office for assay, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1923.

Mr. J. H. Anderson,

Roanes Post Office, Virginia.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

M W O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

M McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1923.

Candelaria Mines Company,

Candelaria, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1923.

Dear Senator Curtis:

Your letter of June 20, 1923, addressed to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, together with a copy of the Commissioner's reply to you, and photographs of a silver medal forwarded by you to the Commissioner, have been sent to this Bureau.

The medal is what is known as a Presidential Medal, a series of which can be obtained from the United States Mint at Philadelphia. This medal in bronze is sold at $1.00 a copy. The medals were issued to the Chiefs of the Indian Tribes at the conclusion of a treaty or for some friendly act, and were known as Peace Medals. There is no indication that there was a special occasion for the issue of this medal beyond the practice established at that time for issuing peace medals for each of the Presidents.

I am enclosing copy of description of the Jackson medal taken from Loubat's work on the Medalic History of the United States of America.

I am returning the photographs of the medal.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Charles Curtis,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

July 11, 1923.

American Railway Express Co.,
Room U, Tressury Building,

Gentlemen:

Your bill # T/D 2-523 is herewith returned. Please attach original signed delivery receipt as evidence of shipment, return to this office, and it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reich

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 11, 1923.

Mr. Harley W. Mackney,
3940 Race Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your letter of July 5 addressed to the Department of the Interior has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

All positions under the jurisdiction of this Bureau are subject to Civil Service examination. I would suggest that you communicate with the District Secretary of the United States Civil Service Commission in Denver for information as to procedure, or dates of future examinations for appointment.

Respectfully,

M. McRailey

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

July 12, 1923.

To be returned to store room from

Room 175:-

Two oak tables.

One oak desk.

One chair.

Lent to this Bureau in June, 1923.

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Acting Director of the Mint

July 12, 1923.

M. M. Fuqua,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1923.

Candelaria Mines Company,

Candelaria, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918, It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1923.

The Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1923.

Tintic Standard Mining Company,

Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1923.

The Evening Star Newspaper Company,
Pennsylvania Ave. at 11th Street,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing photograph taken from the Washington Star of July 11, of the model of the Monroe half dollar. Will you please advise this Bureau if you have any knowledge of the source of this photograph, or how it could have been obtained for publication. Do you know Kadel & Herbert?

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1923.

E. M. Fuqua,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M McReilly.

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada. -

Sirs:

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Respectfully,

M McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

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Respectfully,

M McPeek

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1923.

American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

Herewith please find the papers which accompanied your letter M. 1059 of July 10th.

Please make delivery of the 4460 ounces of silver in question at the San Francisco Mint in the name of the Mogollon Mines Company. The papers also should be forwarded to the San Francisco Mint, with affidavit of the reduction works as well as that of the miner.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

F. Acting Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1923.

Guaranty Trust Company of New York,
140 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

This Bureau is in receipt of your letter of July 13 stating that you had been instructed by the Banco de Venezuela, Caracas, Venezuela, to purchase the necessary silver for the coinage of 7,000,000 Bolivars on behalf of the Government of Venezuela.

Before the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia can be authorized by this Bureau to execute this coinage it will be necessary to have the representative of the Venezuelan Government at this Capital make request through the State Department for the execution of this coinage.

It is presumed that the coinage referred to in your letter of July 13 is that which was covered by correspondence with the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia on March 16, 1923, in which he quoted certain prices at which this coinage could be executed.

As soon as this Department receives a communication from the Venezuelan Legation through the State Department we will take pleasure in instructing the Superintendent of the Mint to proceed with the coinage. You understand, of course, that nothing can be done until that formality is observed.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1923.

E. M. Fuqua,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

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Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1925.

Vernon Gold and Refining Co.,
422 First Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of July 13 please be advised that the United States Mints and Assays Offices do not sell fine silver. The United States Assay Office at New York is authorized to exchange silver deposits for a like amount in fine silver.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1923.

Bryant & Stratton College,
1028 Main Street,
Buffalo, New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of July 12, 1923, please be advised that we do not publish a history of money and coinage. I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which covers the operations of the Government on the metal money. For information relative to the printing and engraving of money I would suggest that you address the Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1923.

L Stern & Co,,
104 West 116th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of July 13 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1923, which gives all the information published by this Bureau on the business of the Assay Offices. I would suggest that it might be helpful to you to address a letter to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York. That officer may be able to suggest some literature on the subject of electrolytic refinery which may be of some service to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ITTEN:

Washington,

July 14, 1923.

Hon. F. E. Scobey
Scobey Fireproof Storage Co.,
San Antonio, Texas.

Everything all right in Bureau SanFrancisco resuming coinage Monday Philadelphia floors finished by end of month Nothing special has come up

M. M. O'Reilly

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Mx. Mint Bureau, 1924.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

July 16, 1923.

Mr. I. Douglas,
1604 12th Street,
Augusta, Georgia.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the particle of ore said to be gold, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government. The United States Assay Office at New York is authorized to purchase gold when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 16, 1923.

Mr. R. W. Cassady,

Lukachukai, Arizona.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 16, 1923.

Mr. W. H. Landing,

Sixes, Oregon.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 16, 1923.

Mr. John W. Knouse,

Benton, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of June 6, 1923, addressed to the "Manager of the Assay Office" has been referred to this Bureau for attention. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of the material to which you refer to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 16, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 16, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

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Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 16, 1923.

Mr. J. J. Droesen,
Agent, Pennsylvania Railroad System,
East Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 12 please be advised that application for the Monore Doctrine Centennial coins should be addressed to the Los Angeles Clearing House Association, Los Angeles, California. It is understood these coins are disposed of at a premium. They are not distributed by the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 16, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find miner's affidavits for 165 ounces Pittman silver to take the place of affidavit #1028, part of the American Smelting and Refining Company's affidavits for August, 1922 totaling 358,437 ounces, pertaining to the accounts of the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. for the quarter ended September 30, 1922. Please file same therewith.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

July 16, 1923.

Arizona Silver Mines Company,
Unionville, Nevada.

Sirs:

Replying to your letter of July 7, 1923, will state that October 1, 1924 was fixed as the final date on which deliveries of silver must be made on accepted tenders for future delivery under the terms of the Pittman Act and Regulations in order to cover the physical delay incident to the refining of bullion which contains several different metals and goes through several different processes at different places. It is expected that practically all silver bullion accepted for future delivery will have been delivered by December 31, 1923, and it is requested that you make every effort to complete your deliveries by that time, especially in view of the inconsiderable quantity involved. It is desired to close this matter up as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1923.

Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

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Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1923.

Rochester Silver Corporation,

Rochester, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

F. Acting Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1923.

Buscom Brothers,
1585 North High Street,
Columbus, Ohio.

Sirs:

Replying to your letter of July 10, 1923, please be advised that there is no law prohibiting the melting of gold coins for use in the arts. It is, however, well known to manufacturing jewelers that gold bars in convenient sizes may be obtained from the Mints and Assay Offices in exchange for an equivalent in gold, in amounts valued at $5,000 and upward. The bars are manufactured in various sizes.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1923.

Mr. M. C. Maemple,
169 Manhattan Averme,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your card of July 13 please be advised that the Treasury Department issues no publication on Campaign medals. I would suggest that you communicate with the War Department.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1923.

Mr. J. C. Howell,
Commodity Department,
The Brookmire Economic Service, Inc.,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 10, 1923, I am enclosing copies of statements issued by the Director of the Mint which cover the present position of the Department in regard to purchases of silver under the Pittman Act. I trust these circulars give sufficient information to meet your inquiry. If we can be of further service to you please address us.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1925.

Dr. F. M. Surface,
Bureau of Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I beg to advise that gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of June, 1925, were as follows for the classification indicated:

Unrefined domestic gold -	69,422.139	fine ounces
Unrefined domestic silver -	285,527.57	" "

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

F.

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1923.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I beg to advise that silver receipts of the mints during the month of June, 1923, were as follows, for the classification indicated:

	Domestic unrefined bullion -	285,527.57 fine ounces
	Foreign " "	75,739.93 " "
1/	Foreign silver coin	294,787.53

1/ Includes 285,546.44 fine ounces foreign silver coin deposited in trust for other governments.

Respectfully,

Mary N. O'Reilly

F.

Acting Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN: Night

Washington,
July 18, 1923.

Hon. F. E. Scobey,
Scobey Fireproof Storage Company,
San Antonio, Texas.

All well in Bureau Business quiet No reason for you to hasten return

M. M. O'Reilly

OR

CIAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2133

July 16, 1923.

Mr. R. W. Johnson,
Lock Box 227,
Springfield, Nebraska.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 14 please be advised that 86,730,000 silver dollars of the old design were coined in 1921, and 1,006,473 silver dollars of the new design were coined during the same year. There is no Mint located in Washington, D.C. The coinage Mints are in Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1923.

Mr. H. D. Marshall, General Secretary,
Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery of South Australia,
Adelaide, South Australia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 27, 1923 addressed to the Superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and by that officer referred to this Bureau, I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a medal of President Harding from the Mint at Philadelphia with my personal compliments.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1923.

Mr. Sidney Abrams,
66 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 16, I take pleasure in enclosing copies of Department Circular No. 1, "Value of Foreign Coins", which gives the value of the German mark as of April 1, 1917, January 1, 1923 and April 1, 1923. These figures represent the intrinsic value of the mark in United States money at par, as distinguished from the exchange value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 16, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1923.

St. Joseph Lead Company,
60 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

The following tentative statement has been prepared from my understanding of affidavit accompanying your letter of July 16, 1923.

If it correctly states the facts please put it in the form of a supplemental affidavit and forward to this office. If it does not correctly state the facts please amend it in such way as to provide a continuing, running account, as per advice in my letter of June 26, 1923.

December 31, 1922, on hand		
January Receipts		33,661
February "		20,584
March "		24,500
		15,563
		94,328
January-March Operating Loss	25,990	
Shipments	33,338	59,328
March 31 Balance		35,000
April Receipts		7,845
May "		13,329
		56,174
April-May Operating Loss	17,912	
Shipments	24,590	42,502
May 31, balance		13,672

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1923.

Louisville Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis,
Louisville, Ky.

Gentlemen:

Voucher enclosed with your letter of the 12th inst., addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, Division of Public Moneys, and referred to this office for reply, is herewith returned. This shipment was made on Government bill of lading #449286, dated July 9, 1923, which should have been accomplished by you upon receipt of shipment and surrendered to the carrier as a basis for his bill against the Government; charges thereon should not have been paid by your institution.

It is suggested that you obtain refund from the express company of the amount paid, in which case they will be in position to use the bill of lading as above; the alternative is to forward to this office the original of the aforementioned bill of lading, together with the enclosed voucher, when it will be placed in line for settlement.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1923.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

Please refer your Treasurer's letter dated June 7, 1923, which contains the information that you expected soon to receive smelter treatment affidavits covering 23,492.19 ounces of silver from the Old Dominion Company.

These affidavits have not yet reached this office and it is requested that you expedite their delivery; they were requested by this office April 12th last.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

F.

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1923.

Mr. W. H. Bacon,
18 Willard St.,
Wethersfield, Conn.

Sir:

Replying to your card of July 14, 1923, please be advised that there were no liberty head five cent pieces coined during the year 1913. Coinage in this denomination during 1913 was confined to the so-called buffalo nickels.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1923.

The Copper Chief Mining Company,
Clarksdale, Arizona.

Sirs:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 13, 1923, in reply to our letter of July 2, referring to letter of June 23, 1923.

Your offer made on May 31 of 273 ounces of silver, and your offers of 412 ounces, 2397 ounces and 372 ounces, made on June 1, are accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, San Francisco. Tenders of this silver were received in this Bureau on the dates named, May 31 and June 1, and acceptances have been withheld until this date pending the receipt by this Bureau of properly adjusted accounts covering the silver now accepted.

It will be necessary that you render monthly accounts as required by the regulations until final delivery of accepted silver has been made. Your accounts have been received in the Bureau to include May 31st. Please render these accounts as early as practicable after the close of each month.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1923.

Mr. C. A. Booth,
469 Marquette Street,
Montreal, Canada.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 13, please be advised that the Government issues no pamphlets covering the methods of refining and analyzing gold, silver and platinum. I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, which may be of interest to you.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1923.

Motion Picture Exposition,
1004 Hollingsworth Building,
Los Angeles, California.

Sirs:

This Bureau is in receipt of a postal card issued by you relative to the Monroe Centennial Coin. Will you please advise this Bureau of the basis upon which you have announced that the breaking of the die at the mint reduced the actual issue of coins to 271,000 pieces.

Will you please also advise this Bureau the authority upon which you state that you have arranged for the return to the Mint and melting up of all unsold coins.

Your courtesy in replying to this Bureau at your early convenience will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

M. L. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of t e Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under t e Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1923.

Guaranty Trust Company of New York,
140 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

Your letter of July 9, 1923, addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been referred to this Bureau. The cost of manufacturing the desired coins for the Venezuelan Government would be as follows:

$4.00 per 1,000 pieces for each dehomination. This includes cost of working dies. Metal and boxes or kegs for shipping would be extra.

To complete the above coinage it would require for the 2,000,000 pieces, (2g grams) 8,267.1429 avoirdupois lbs. of copper (99.90 copper content) and 2,755.7143 avoirdupois lbs. of nickel (nickel cobalt content 99.00), and for the 800,000 pieces (5 grams) 6,613.7143 avoirdupois lbs. of copper (99.90 copper content) and 2,204.5714 avoirdupois lbs. of nickel (nickel cobalt content 99.00).

Total amount of metal required:
14,880.8572 avoirdupois lbs. copper (99.90 copper content)
4,960.2857 " " nickel (99.00 nickel cobalt content)

Of course you are aware that no coinage would be undertaken unless a request came through the usual channels, that is through the representative of the Venezuelan Government to the State Department for transmission to the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1923.

Mrs. George Brown,
16 Mildred Avenue,
Johnson City, N.Y.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 17 please be advised that the Government does not purchase copper in small quantities, and I am unable to advise you where the same may be disposed of.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing for your files contract entered into between the United States Assay Office, New York, and the National District Telegraph Company, effective July 1, 1923, which has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1923.

Mrs. Loucinda Huff,
Post Office Box 153,
Martinsville, Indiana.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 16, I regret that there is no way in which we can assist you in regard to the subject matter of your letter.

Respectfully,

M W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1923.

Mr. Donald C. Taggart,
100 Hudson St.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of July 19 addressed to the Treasury Department has been referred to this Bureau for attention. The following table of standards is submitted:

	Diameter	Thickness	Weight Troy Ounces	Weight Grains	Tolerance above or below Grains
Dollar	1.5	.114	.859375	412.5	1.5
Half dollar	1.205	.086	.401875	192.9	1.5
Quarter	.955	.067	.200937	96.45	1.5
Dime	.705	.053	.080375	38.58	1.5
Nickel	.835	.078	.16075	77.16	3.0
One cent	.750	.062	.1	48.0	2.0

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1923.

E. M. Fuqua,

Director of the Mint.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1923.

Mr. William Martin,
12407 St. Clair Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Referring to our letter of June 6, 1923, in which we advised you that your deposit of gold scrap had been forwarded to the United States Assay Office, New York, we find upon investigation that the package was returned to you. Should you desire to deposit the material at the above institution I would suggest that you address the same to the Superintendent, U.S. Assay Office, Wall Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1923.

Mr. Bert Baggett,
439 Elm Street,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 11 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint. For information relative to the printing of currency I would suggest that you address the Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1923.

Mr. J. H. Ehlers,

Ouray, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 14 please be advised that the packages referred to were delivered to the Hon. Frank White, Treasurer of the United States, and as stated in my letter of July 3rd referred to this office for attention.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1923.

Mr. W. A. Seyd,
563 Argyle Avenue,
Orange, New Jersey.

Sir:

Replying to your card of July 16 please be advised that the piece you describe is known as a token piece and is not a coin of the United States. Many types of token pieces were issued during the period of the Civil War. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 156th and 157th Streets, New York, as to whether or not the piece has any numismatic value. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1923.

Mr. D. D. Robinson,
531 North Pine Street,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 14, please be advised that the United States Assay Office, New York City, is authorized to purchase old gold when deposited in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. The gold must be presented in the form of bullion, the metal in the ore state not being acceptable. Deposits of less value than $100.00 may be refused by the Superintendent of the Assay Office.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reily

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1923.

Cloverton State Bank,

Cloverton, Minnesota.

Sirs:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that there were no liberty head nickels coined during the year 1918. The last year in which coins of the liberty head design were manufactured was 1912.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1925.

West End Consolidated Mining Co.,
Tonopah, Nev.

Sirs:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1925, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to May 31 are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

W. A. McKenzie

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

July 20, 1923.

United Comstock Mines Co.,
Gold Hill,
Nevada.

Sirs:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to May 20 are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

T. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1923.

Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,
Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to April 30, are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

M M O'Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

July 20, 1923.

Tonopah Extension Mining Co.,
Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the Mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to May 15 are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

W. M. Peirce

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

July 20, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.,
Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to April 30, are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

July 20, 1923.

Tintic Standard Mining Co.,
Salt Lake City,
Utah.

Sirs:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to April 30, are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

July 20, 1923.

Tintic Milling Co.,
Silver City,
Utah.

Sirs:

My reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to May 31, are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

W M O'Neill

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1923.

St. Louis Smelting and Refining Co.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sirs:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the mint) of silver tendered under the act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to May 31, are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

W. M. Peirce

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

July 20, 1923.

Sinaloa Exploration and Development Co.,
Magollan, New Mexico.

Sirs;

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to May 18, are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1923.

Rochester Silver Corporation,
Rochester, Nevada.

Sirs;

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to May 31, are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

July 20, 1923.

O'Connell Mining Company,
Lovelock, Nevada.

Sirs:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1918, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to May 26, are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

July 20, 1923.

Magellan Mines Company,
Magellan, New Mexico.

Sirs:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May. 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to June 15, are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

J. M. O'Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

M

July 20, 1923.

Frank Margrave, Receiver for Nevada
Packard Mines,
Rochester, Nevada.

Sir:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the Mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to April 30, are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

July 20, 1923.

Henry P. Kervin,
Silver City,
Nevada.

Sir:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to May 31, are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

July 20, 1923.

E. H. Fuqua,
Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to May 24, are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

W. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

July 20, 1933.

Elkoro Mines Company,
Jarbidge,
Nevada.

Sirs:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1933, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to May 31, are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1925.

Consolidated Cortez Silver Mines,
Beowawe, Nevada.

Sirs:

My reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1925, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to May 31, are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of Mint.

July 20, 1923.

Consolidated Virginia Mining Company,
Virginia City,
Nevada.

Sirs:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to May 23, are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of Mint.

July 20, 1923.

Candelaria Mines Company,
Candelaria, Nevada.

Sirs:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to May 31, are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

July 30, 1923.

Bonanza Milling Company,
Tombstone, Arizona.

Gire:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of accounts are required for each month until final deliveries (to the mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period to June 30 from beginning of operations in May are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

July 20, 1925.

Barnes-King Development Company,
Marysville, Montana.

Sirs:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1925, governing the sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to May 31, are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1923.

Arizona Silver Mines Company,
Unionville, Nevada.

Sirs:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1918, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to May 15 are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

F. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

Annual report on Mint operations, Production of gold and silver, and other monetary matters	Once	275	5,000	1,500	$	2,677 40 2,700 00 2,700 00
Proceedings of the Assay Commission	Once	33		200		174 00 175 175
Value of Foreign Coins	Quarterly	1		5,150 each quarter		67 50 70 70
Miscellaneous Working Forms, books and blanks	As required				1/	3,600 00 3,500 00 3,500 00

1/ Estimated.

July 21, 1923.

The Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 21, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1923. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 21, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 21, 1923.

Mr. H. N. Van Nostrand, Librarian,
The Chase National Bank,
New York City.

Sir:

Responding to your request of July 20, 1923, this office has taken pleasure in placing your name on the mailing list to receive regularly a copy of Department Circular No. 1, "Value of Foreign Coins". I am enclosing copies of the April 1 and July 1 issues.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 21, 1923.

Mr. John Malloy,
3432 38th St.,
Elmhurst, L. I., N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 17 please be advised that the coin you describe is known as a token piece and is not a coin of the United States. Many of these token pieces were issued during the period of the Civil War, and are not believed to possess any particular value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 21, 1923.

Mr. V. B. Springer,
21 South Central Street,
Bradford, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 16 please be advised that $1,000 in subsidiary coins weighs 55.11 pounds, avoirdupois. One pound of bronze coins is valued at $1.46, and one pound of nickel coins is worth $4.41.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 21, 1923.

Mr. A. B. Wilson,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

By reference to travel regulations it will be noted that vouchers for reimbursement of travel expenses should carry notation of day and hour of departing from and arriving at official station, and names of places visited with time of arrival and departure thereform. Please forward such information for filing with your voucher covering recent trip to San Francisco on annual settlement.

Respectfully,

F. Acting Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1913.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sirs:

With reference of letter of this office dated June 20th last and your reply of July 9th, concerning silver miner's affidavits which state that settlement "will be made at the rate of $1.00 per ounce, etc.," it is requested that when settlement in full has been made for silver subject to the Pittman Act price, with those concerns who do not receive payment from you at the time they deliver the silver and affidavits, you obtain from them and forward to this office a general affidavit from each stating that settlement has been made, etc. for all the items which previously have been covered by affidavits stating that settlement will be made, etc. It is understood that some of your contracts with miners call for payment four months after you receive the silver.

Respectfully,

F. E. Kelley

Director of Mint.

OK

July 23, 1923.

Copper Chief Mining Company,
Clarkdale, Arizona.

Girs:

Your offer of May 31, 1923, amounting to 281 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, San Francisco, California. This item is in addition to the items accepted on July 19, 1923, and should have been included in that letter of acceptance.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

July 24, 1923.

Mr. D. C. Collins,
c/o Underwood Typewriter Co.,
27 S. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Your letter of July 18 addressed to the Register of the Treasury has been forwarded by that officer to this Bureau for attention.

Replying to your inquiry as to the reason for reeding the gold and silver coins please be advised that this reeding or fluting on the edges is placed there to make counterfeiting more difficult, and to prevent the filing away of the precious metals with fraudulent intent.

Respectfully,

J. E. Zerbey

Director of the Mint.

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July 24, 1923.

Miss Ruth I. Graves,

Girard, Pa.

Madame:

Replying to your card of recent date please be advised that your name has been placed on our list to receive a copy of the forthcoming report of the Director of the Mint for 1923, which contains a report on the production of precious metals during the calendar year 1922. This report, however, will not be available until some time in the fall.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

July 24, 1923.

Homestake Mining Company,
Lead, South Dakota.

Gentlemen:

Your offers of May 31, 1923 of 263 ounces and 274 ounces of silver, and of June 1 of 272 ounces, and June 2 of 270 ounces, are accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Assay Office, New York.

Tenders of this silver were received in this Bureau on the dates named, and acceptances have been withheld until this date pending the receipt by this Bureau of properly adjusted accounts covering the silver now accepted.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

July 24, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 22, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

OK

July 24, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tenders of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. They are accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1923.

Candelaria Mines Company,

Minn, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1923.

Hon. E. V. Speelman,
Register of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Speelman:

I have your letter of July 20 enclosing letter received from Mr. D. C. Collins, 37 S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, relative to the reeding of coins. I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of our reply to Mr. Collins.

With personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1923.

Mr. H. D. R. Burgess,
Assistant Vice-President,
The National City Bank of New York,
New York City.

Sir:

I have your letter of July 21, 1923, asking for information relative to the authority of the United States Assay Office at New York to purchase gold shipped from Norway, Denmark, Sweden or Finland.

Foreign coins are received as deposits without affidavit, except in the case of roubles, which are not accepted without special authority from Washington.

Foreign gold bullion bearing the stamp of a private assayer must be accompanied by an affidavit of ownership and a declaration that the bullion is of non-Bolshevik origin.

Affidavits must be made by the depositors. Declarations made by the foreign banks are not acceptable.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1923.

Mr. Earl Hudnall,

Davenport, Kentucky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 17 I am returning under separate cover the piece of metal forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. A visual examination would indicate that the metal is copper, but not of sufficient quantity to be of value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1923.

Mrs. J. T. Bryant,
1907 E. 7th St.,
Charlotte, N.C.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 23, 1923, please be advised that the piece you describe is known as a token piece, and is not a coin. Many of these pieces were issued during the period of the Civil War.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1925.

Dr. H. LeSaulnier,

Red Bud, Illinois.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the gold bullion forwarded by you. As there is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government. I have today forwarded this deposit to the United States Assay Office, New York, and have requested the Superintendent of that institution to communicate with you regarding the same. In order to be acceptable such deposits must approximate or exceed $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1923.

Dr. W. W. Randall,
1035 Second Street,
Louisville, Ky.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the gold bullion forwarded by you. As there is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government I have today forwarded this deposit to the United States Assay Office, New York, and have requested the Superintendent of that Institution to communicate with you regarding the same. In order to be acceptable such deposits must approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. The Government does not purchase platinum, nor is an allowance made for this metal when contained in bullion deposits.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1923.

Mr. W. deC. Ravenel,
Administrative Assistant to the Secretary,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of July 21 enclosing a voucher covering labor which the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia employed to assist in taking down and removing the numismatic cabinets at the Mint, amounting to $85.26, this voucher was sent to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint with the request that this Bureau be informed whether or not the men who did the work were employed particularly for this task. The Superintendent under date of July 24 has advised this Bureau as follows:

"Replying to your letter of July 23, relative to voucher in amount of $85.26 against the Smithsonian Institute for labor in connection with moving cases from the Cabinet Room at this Mint, beg to say that all the men assigned to this work were Mint employees but were on leave and called back for this work.

"Mr. Cole, I am informed, intended to hire men outside the Mint, but not caring to take the risk of bringing unknown men into the Mint, was very much in favor of using our men if available, and it was understood that the wages paid to them would be re-imbursed. It is also a fact that all but one of these men were $4.50 per diem employees while he would have been required to pay at least $6.00 per diem for outside men.

"Owing to our limited appropriation for wages and the expenses incident to repairing or at least making the room from which these cases were removed presentable, I feel we should be reimbursed for the wages as stated in the voucher * * ".

I therefore feel called upon to return the voucher with the request that it be paid by the Museum. The Acting Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has certified to the correctness of the voucher.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1923.

Mr. Alfred Luza,
Box 130,
Crewe, Virginia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 24, 1923, please be advised that Funk & Wagnalls Dictionary describes a diamond in part as follows:

"A mineral consisting essentially of carbon crystallized in the isometric system. When pure it is a valuable gem stone of great refractive power with a beautiful play of prismatic colors, especially when cut. Though usually colorless it is sometimes tinted by mineral oxids, yellow, brown, red, black, orange, green or blue."

I am unable to advise you where you may dispose of the piece of rock you describe.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1923.

Mr. E. M. Fuqua,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1923.

The Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1923.

Mr. J. F. Engler,
24 W. Lancaster Avenue,
Ardmore, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 23 please be advised that the Monore Centennial half dollars may be obtained by applying to the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California. It is understood these coins are issued by that body at a premium; they are not distributed by the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1923.

Mr. Clinton B. Dodge,

Great Bend, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 23, 1923, please be advised that the Panama-Pacific coins may be obtained by addressing the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Co., San Francisco, California.

The Missouri Centennial memorial half dollar may be procured by making application to the Sedalia Bank and Trust Company, Sedalia, Mo.

I am unable to advise you where the other coins to which you have reference may be obtained. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 156 and 157 Streets, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reily

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1923.

Mr. W. C. Whitwell,
Tarratine Hotel,
Hancock Point, Maine.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 23, 1923, I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets, New York City, for information relative to coin collections. For information regarding the paper currency of the United States your letter has been referred to the Division of Loans and Currency, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1923.

The Eastman Kodak Company,
Rochester, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

This office regularly receives information from dealers in and users of gold and silver in the industries of the United States, such information being treated as confidential and being used only in the compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Your firm has come to the attention of this office as being among those dealing in or using the precious metals and we are forwarding you the enclosed form, also return envelope which requires no postage, with request that the information called for be furnished for the calendar year 1922. This office would appreciate receiving this data at an early date.

It is particularly desired that the quantity of metal stated opposite the first item of classification on the form (new domestic bullion) be segregated as to source from which received and quantity from each source, since this will aid in avoiding duplications.

An extra copy of the form is enclosed for your files, if desired.

It is anticipated that you will cooperate with other bullion dealers and manufacturers and with this office, for which please accept my thanks in advance.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.

July 26, 1923.

Mr. F. H. Chaffin,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your voucher for subsistence expenses July 1 to 17, is herewith returned; please indicate thereon the day and hour of departure from and arrival at official station, and names of places visited, with day and hour of arrival and departure therefrom, as required by par. 23 of travel regulations dated March 29, 1922. In this connection it should be noted that any extra expense incident to travel by other than direct route is not reimbursable by the Government.

Concerning deduction of $2.30, account laundry and pressing charges on previous voucher, please be advised that the laundry items, June 18th, $2.05, June 25th $1.83, and June 29th, $1.30, were on the hotel bills and stated on voucher so as to be identified and were allowed. The item of June 13th, $1.80, may have been on hotel bill but it was not entered on voucher in such a manner as to be identified as supporting the charges for any particular period, the laundry charges on voucher for period June 6th to 19th being $2.90, with this receipt for $1.80 as the only support. If you will submit a voucher supported by the laundry bill for this $1.80, with the amount consistently prorated over the period it covers, it will be approved for payment in such sum as may be possible when considering the remainder of the subsistence charges for the period in question. The deduction of 30¢ pressing charge on June 6th may also be included for payment on the above mentioned voucher.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1923.

Messrs. Phillips & Jacobs,
622 Race Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

With reference to letter of this Bureau dated March 30, 1923, regarding form inquiry, previously sent you, used in requesting from dealers in and users of gold and silver in the industries of the United States the quantities so used during the calendar year 1922, kindly be advised that this information has not as yet reached this office.

May we not have your cooperation in this matter in order that the statistics covering use of the precious metals, which are of interest and value to many people, may be as accurate as possible?

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1923.

Miss Florence Dixon,

Guilford College, North Carolina.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of July 26, 1923, please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. I would suggest that you communicate with the American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 155 and 157 Streets, New York, relative to the price paid by dealers or collectors for the coins you describe.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1923.

Mr. E. F. Goslin,
203 William Street,
Buffalo, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 10 please be advised that the paper currency you describe issued by authority of the Continental Congress is understood to possess no value except as a curio.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1923.

Candelaria Mines Company,

Mina, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1923.

Mr. R. A. Polak,
157 E. 116th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your postal money order for $5.75 enclosed with your letter of July 25, in which you state that the money order is to cover cost of seven half dollar pieces of Monroe Doctrine Centennial coins. The distribution of these coins is being handled solely by the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California, and I would suggest that you communicate with that body. It is understood the coins are being disposed of at a premium.

Respectfully,

W. B. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1923.

Mr. Louis Allard,
Levis, P.Q.,
Lauzon Ouest, Canada.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 155 and 157 Streets, New York City, for information regarding the coin you describe.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1923.

Gorham Manufacturing Company,
Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

With reference to letter of this Bureau dated March 30, 1923, regarding form inquiry, previously sent you, used in requesting from dealers in and users of gold and silver in the industries of the United States the quantities so used during the calendar year 1922, kindly be advised that this information has not as yet reached this office.

May we not have your cooperation in this matter in order that the statistics covering use of the precious metals, which are of interest and value to many people, may be as accurate as possible?

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1923.

A. Robinson & Sons,
3 Catherine St.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

With reference to letter of this Bureau dated March 30, 1923, regarding form inquiry, previously sent you, used in requesting from dealers in and users of gold and silver in the industries of the United States the quantities so used during the calendar year 1922, kindly be advised that this information has not as yet reached this office.

May we not have your cooperation in this matter in order that the statistics covering use of the precious metals, which are of interest and value to many people, may be as accurate as possible?

Respectfully,

Th. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1923.

Interstate Smelting & Refining Co.,
19-29 Commercial Street,
Newark, N.J.

Gentlemen:

Since reply to letter of this office dated March 5, 1923, has not yet been received I am enclosing a copy of the same together with a copy of the form mentioned therein. Will you kindly give the matter your early attention.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Enc.

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1923.

The Tubular Products Co.,

Southington, Conn.

Gentlemen:

Since reply to letter of this office dated April 6, 1923, has not yet been received I am enclosing a copy of the same together with a copy of the form mentioned therein. Will you kindly give the matter your early attention.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.

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July 27, 1923.

Department of Finance,
Dominion Government,
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1922. Please be assured that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 29, 1923.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce,

Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1922. Please be assured that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Mary M. Connelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1923.

The Bank of Nova Scotia,

Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1922. Please be assured that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Assistant Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1923.

Bank of Montreal,

Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1922. Please be assured that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Mary McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1923.

The Bank of Toronto,

Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1922. Please be assured that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1923.

Union Bank of Canada,

Winnipeg, Man., Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1922. Please be assured that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1923.

The Molsons Bank,

Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1922. Please be assured that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1923.

Bank of Hamilton,

Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1922. Please be assured that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Mary N. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1923.

Imperial Bank of Canada,

Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1922. Please be assured that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Henry M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1923.

The Royal Bank of Canada,

Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coins held by you at the close of the calendar year. Please be assured that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1923.

The Standard Bank of Canada,

Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1922. Please be assured that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1923.

The Provincial Bank of Canada,

Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1922. Please be assured that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1923.

The Dominion Bank,

Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1922. Please be assured that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1923.

The Home Bank of Canada,

Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1922. Please be assured that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Mary Mc Ritchy

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1923.

Banque d'Hochelaga,

Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1922. Please be assured that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Mary McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1923.

La Banque Nationale,

Quebec, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1922. Please be assured that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Mary Makeilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1923.

The Sterling Bank of Canada,

Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1922. Please be assured that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

Mary McRaith

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the Office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July28, 1923.

Mr. E. M. Fuqua,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. Bailey

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 22, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 16, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1923.

Miss Anna Hermes,
3123 Galena Street,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of July 26 please be advised that we have no data covering the operations of the United States Mints and Assay Offices, and we are prohibited from allowing illustrations to be made of any of the equipment or operations.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1923.

St. Joseph Lead Co.,
60 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries (to the Mint) of silver tendered under the Act shall have been made.

Your accounts for the period subsequent to May 31, are now due in this office; please forward them promptly and file any required subsequent accounts without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

July 28, 1923.

St. Joseph Lead Company
60 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your tenders of silver for sale to the Government under the terms of the Pittman Act, made on the below mentioned dates, are hereby accepted for delivery at the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. Formal acceptance of these tenders has been withheld, pending receipt in this office of satisfactory abstracts from your books of account.

Tender of May 29, 1923 - 2,500 ounces
" " June 1, " - 762 "

In this connection, it is understood that your shipment to the Philadelphia mint of May 26, 1923, 25,000 ounces, was a partial dlivery on tender of 35,000 ounces accepted by the Directo of the Mint April 20, 1923. The items mentioned in this letter are the only tenders of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act accepted by the Director of the Mint since April 1, 1923.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1923.

Sumpter Valley Smelter Company,

Sumpter, Oregon.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

Washington,

July 30, 1923.

Hon. F. E. Scobey
Merrick and Old Depot Road,
Nassque, Long Island.

Everything all right in Bureau Shall I continue forwarding personal mail

M. M. O'Reilly

...NESS.
...NT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

July 30, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1923.

Candelaria Mines Company,

Mina, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1923.

Mr. E. M. Fuqua,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1923.

Mr. W. J. Reynolds, President,
Motion Picture Exposition,
1005 Hollingsworth Building,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

I have your letter of July 24, 1923, relative to the Monroe Coin. Please be advised that in case any of these coins are left on your hands unsold it will be necessary before they can be returned to the Mint at San Francisco to have the authority of this Department. The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco is not authorized to dispose of the coins in any manner without instructions from this Department, and of that he is fully informed. The reason for this is that the coins have been issued by the Government at face value and are carried on the books of the Treasury the same as any other fifty-cent coins. A special appropriation covering the loss on recoinage is involved in the melting of subsidiary coins, and none of these coins can be destroyed without the authority of the Treasurer of the United States. I am making this explanation in order that the matter may be clear to you. The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco will, of course, refer to this Department for instructions in case any of the coins are left on your hands before taking any action.

In regard to the "repairing of dies" please be advised that the coinage dies are never repaired in Washington. To take the place of worn or broken dies, other dies are always available at the Mint. They are manufactured by the Mint in Philadelphia from master dies which are not destroyed. The statement that the complete coinage could not be executed because of the breaking of the dies was misleading.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1923.

Mr. T. R. Gilliam, President,
Silver Lake Mining Company,
Silver Lake Hotel, Seligman, Mo.

Sir:

An excerpt from your letter addressed to the United States Geological Survey has been forwarded to this Bureau.

Replying to your inquiry as to whether the Government can separate gold and silver, please be advised that the mints and assay offices purchase gold bullion and pay for the same after melting and assaying to determing the gold and silver content. The mints at this time are not in the market for silver bullion. The metals are not received in the form of ores but are received in the form of bullion when presented in an amount sufficient to approximate or exceed $100 in value. Charges are made for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1923.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am enclosing contracts and bonds of the following firms covering supplies and service for the United States Mint at San Francisco for the fiscal year 1924, submitted for your examination and approval:

Enterprise Foundry Company
Metropolitan Laundry Company
National Ice and Cold Storage
Company of California.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1923.

Mr. Le Roy E. Teeple,
177 Broad Street,
Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 27 please be advised that the Government never issued a gold coin of a smaller denomination than $1.00. The gold coins circulated in California in the middle of the last centuary were of private issue and never authorised by the United States.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1923.

Mr. Wm. N. Kelly,
81 Lake Street,
Saranac Lake, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 26 please be advised that the coin you describe is one of the regular issues of Philippine coins and is not redeemable in this country; it is not legal tender. I am unable to advise you where it may be exchanged.

Respectfully,

W. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1923.

Sumpter Valley Smelter Company,

Sumpter, Oregon.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith a copy of your letter of July 23, 1923, the original of which was addressed to the Director of the Mint. This copy, sent by you to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau, and is respectfully returned for the reason stated in our letter of July 28 returning your original letter.

Yours very truly,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find miner's affidavits covering 2,043,443 ounces silver purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act from the United Metals Selling Co. Please file these affidavits with the accounts of Freas Styer, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., for the quarter ended March 31, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. W. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1923.

Batavia Service Corporation,
29 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of July 27 please be advised that the gold and silver coins of the United States are composed of 900 parts pure metal and 100 parts copper, respectively.

The five cent nickel piece contains 75% copper and 25% nickel. The one cent piece contains 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc.

I am enclosing a circular which covers the regulations governing the redemption of coins, gold, silver and minor.

The method employed in the gold and silver coinage is to test the metal before and after the coins are executed. The gold and silver coins are weighed in an automatic weighing machine, so that the light and heavy coins are rejected and the standard coins pass through. The minor coins are weighed in bulk and put through coin counting machines after having passed over reviewing tables. No tests are made which take into account the electrical conductivity or magnetic properties of the coins.

Respectfully,

W. M. Puckett

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1923.

Mr. J. P. Paynter,
Mineral Point, Wisconsin.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of July 26, 1923, relative to a bullion deposit at the Philadelphia Mint April 28, 1854 by J. R. Hunter for Chas. Vincent, please be informed that the records of the mint service do not show any bullion deposit of the description mentioned by you, for which full settlement has not been made.

It is presumed that the memorandum of deposit which you have described is similar to the enclosed form, this form having been revised in recent years. It is not a certificate of value nor an authorization for making of payment. The memorandum is issued and delivered to the depositor at the time final payment for the deposit is made: it will be noted that the data on this form is only for the information of the depositor, and is of no other value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Enc.

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 31, 1923.

Mr. James D. Blaine,
R. D. #2,
Newport, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 30 relative to procuring a position as guard in the Mint at Denver, please be advised that all positions in the Mint service are subject to Civil Service Examination.

Appointments in the Mint at Denver are subject to the recommendation of the Superintendent of that institution before consideration is given to selection from the Civil Service list. There is no vacancy at present.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Neill

Acting Director of the Mint

July 31, 1923.

Mr. H. J. Donnelly,
Acting Solicitor,
Office of the Solicitor,
Post Office Department.

Sir:

I have your letter of July 27 enclosing a copy of a letter from Representative Knud Wefald, submitting a reply post card offering the Monroe Doctrine Centennial Half Dollar for sale at a premium.

All memorial, exposition and commemorative coins are sold at a premium. Those for the Panama Pacific International Exposition, the recent issues for the commemoration of the admission of States into the Union, such as the Alabama, the Maine, the Missouri coins, and the coin commemorative of the Landing of the Pilgrims, the Grant Memorial, and many other coins have been sold by the organization procuring the special legislation at a premium over the face value of the coin.

I am enclosing a copy of the Act of Congress authorizing the special coin which is the subject of the letter of Representative Wefald.

Respectfully,

July 31, 1923.

Mr. E. N. Van Horne, Cashier,
American National Bank,
St. Joseph, Missouri.

Sir:

Your letter of July 26, addressed to the Deputy Comptroller of the Currency, has been referred to this office for attention.

You are right in your conclusion that an Act of Congress would be required before a coin of another denomination or type than those now in circulation could be made.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1923.

Smithsonian Institution,
(International Exchange Service),
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Will you please forward through the International Exchange Service the Reports of the Director of the Mint for the years 1913 to 1922 inclusive, ten volumes, to the following address:

Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau,
2, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings,
Dartmouth Street,
Westminster, London, S.W.1.

These copies are being forwarded to you under separate cover.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1923.

Director, Bureau of the Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of April 25th, 1923, there is forwarded herewith tabulation showing the silver quotations for the months of June and July, 1923.

Month	Average New York quotation per fine ounce silver.	Bullion value of the silver in a U.S.standard silver dollar.	Commercial ratio of silver to gold.
June	$0.65194	$0.50423	31.7081
July	.63383	.49023	32.6141

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1923.

General Auditor,
Raritan Copper Works,
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In making preparation of the final estimate of the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1922, it is noted that your reported actual receipts of silver exceed the quantity estimated in December, 1922, by nearly one million ounces.

This difference is so great that I would appreciate confirmation by you of the reported total actual receipts before proceeding further with the final estimate of 1922 production.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1923.

Auditor,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In making comparison of the final and preliminary estimates of gold and silver production in the United States during the calendar year 1922, a material difference is noted between your preliminary estimate of Alaskan gold receipts, some 210,000 ounces, and your receipts as finally reported for Alaska - Selby plant 168,114 ounces and Tacoma plant, 6,661 ounces, total 174,775 ounces.

Owing to this considerable difference, confirmation will be appreciated of your reported actual receipts before proceeding further with the 1922 production estimate.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1923.

Candelaria Mines Company,

Mina, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1923.

The Tonopah Milling Company of Nevada,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M M Reily

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. Friedley

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1923.

Mr. Clint Hollenback,

Stockwell Junction, Indiana.

Sir:

Your letter of July 30, 1923, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention. I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, on pages 102-105 of which you will find the coinage executed by the United States.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1923.

Fine Arts Commission,

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing letter received today from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco enclosing a letter from Mr. Raphael Beck relative to Mr. Beach's design for the Monroe Coin. With return of Mr. Beck's letter and sketch attached will you please give me your opinion in regard to the claim of Mr. Beck.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1923.

Mr. James M. Thomasson,

Tuscumbia, Alabama.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 30 please be advised that the Government does not undertake the operation of mines, and I am unable to advise you what method to pursue in order to obtain assistance in working your prospect.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1923.

St. Joseph Lead Company,
60 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of July 31st. Affidavits accompanying your letter of July 16th and July 26th were under consideration in this office at the time our letter of July 28th was written. As stated in that letter, sworn abstracts from books of account are required until final deliveries have been made of the silver sold to the Government under the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 8, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 2, 1923.

The First State Bank,

Lodge Pole, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of July 30, 1923, please be advised that the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California, has sole charge of the distribution of the Monroe coins. It is understood that these coins are being disposed of at a premium.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 2, 1923.

The Secretary,
Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau,
London, England.

Sir:

Responding to your request of July 17, 1923, this Bureau has taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint from 1913 to 1922 inclusive. The books are being sent through the International Exchange Service, Smithsonian Institution, and I trust they will reach you intact.

The copy of the Fourth Annual Report of the Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau has been received at this office and read with much interest.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 2, 1923.

Mr. Hibberd Ott,
c/o U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to your voucher for reimbursement of traveling expenses, July 1 to 28, please advise this office as to dates and hours of arrival at Los Angeles and Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 2, 1923.

Mr. E. M. Fuqua,
Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

Your report in the form of an affidavit, dated July 27, 1923, showing receipts of recoverable silver at your mill to the end of June, 1923, is at hand. Affidavit for the period ending May 24th stated that milling operations were started on May 23rd. Please forward a statement showing, in addition to the receipts, the bullion recovered, operating losses (if any), and bullion shipments.

The required statement should form a continuous account on the basis of balance at the beginning of the accounting period, plus receipts, less operating losses, less shipments, the remainder being the balance on hand at the close of the accounting period. Abstracts of this nature should be forwarded monthly until deliveries to the mint of silver accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act have been completed.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1923.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

We find it again necessary to bring to your attention the matter of smelter affidavits, the subject of our letter of July 19, 1923, to which no reply has as yet been received. The letter reads as follows:-

> "Please refer your Treasurer's letter dated June 7, 1923, which contains the information that you expected soon to receive smelter treatment affidavits covering 23,492.19 ounces of silver from the Old Dominion Company.
>
> These affidavits have not yet reached this office and it is requested that you expedite their delivery; they were requested by this office April 12th last."

Please advise by return mail when you will make delivery of the required affidavits.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1923.

Gorham Manufacturing Company,
Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of August 1, 1923, I am enclosing herewith form inquiry, also copy of letter of February 3, 1923, referred to in our letters of July 27 and March 30, 1923.

An extra copy of the form is enclosed for your files, if desired; also return envelope which requires no postage.

Your early attention to the matter would be appreciated.

Respectfully,

D. N. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1923.

Mr. R. S. Van Treuse,

Buenavista, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 30, 1923, please be advised that the United States Assay Office, Salt lake City, Utah, undertakes the assaying of ores at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. About five pounds of material should be forwarded in order that a representative assay may be made.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1923.

Mr. Alfred Luza,

Box 130, Crewe, Virginia.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the piece of rock forwarded with your letter of July 30, and have to advise you that the same was submitted to the Assayer of this Bureau for examination, who finds that it is quartz (silica) and of no value.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 19

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 5, 1923.

The Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 4, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 4, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 4, 1923.

Mr. R. S. Martin,
Batavia Service Corporation,
39 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Responding to your letter of August 3, 1923, I am enclosing a table showing the dimensions, standard weight and fineness, the minimum legal weight, and the least current weight of the gold and silver coins.

No mutilated silver coins, or coin to which paper or any other substance is attached, or upon which any name or advertisement is stamped or impressed, will be received for redemption. Coin is mutilated when punched, clipped, chipped, or otherwise appreciably reduced in weight by any means except natural abrasion. Silver coins not mutilated, but defaced otherwise than as above described, where it can be clearly and readily identified as to denomination and genuineness, will be redeemed.

Minor coin that is so defaced as not to be readily identified, or that is punched or clipped, will not be redeemed. Pieces that are stamped, bent, or twisted out of shape, or otherwise imperfect but showing no material loss of metal, will be redeemed.

I regret that our former letter was not more satisfactory to you. If we can be of further service to you please advise us.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 4, 1923.

Honorable I. Allen,
New Zealand Government Offices,
Strand, London, W.C.2, England.

Sir:

I have your letter of July 24, 1923, concerning use of the word Australasia in connection with data pertaining to both Australia and New Zealand.

I find that the recent reports of the Director of the Mint in all instances separately state data pertaining to New Zealand although such data are grouped under the general head "Australasia" in the same manner that data concerning the United States, Canada, and Mexico are grouped under the general head "North America." In the reports of the Director of the Mint the divisions stated under the Australasian heading are Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania and Papua.

It is found, however, that in one table, that of world production of gold and silver, the provinces of Australia are ranked with New Zealand, Tasmania, and Papua instead of being separately stated under the sub-head Australia. I will be pleased to have this inconsistency corrected in future reports of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

A. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 6, 1923.

Mr. F. D. Belknap,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your voucher for subsistence expenses June 14 to 30 and July 1 to 31 are herewith returned. Please indicate thereon day and hour of departure from and arrival at official stations. Also please be advised that when laundry charges are prorated over the number of days covered it must be done consistently and proportionately, and so the charges made can be identified with the supporting receipts. If preferred, laundry charges may be shown as an expense of the day on which payment of same was made, but the total charged for day's subsistence expense must not exceed $5.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

August 6, 1923.

Mr. A. H. McKinley,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 3, requesting statistics covering estimates on production of gold and silver in ounces and value, 1790 to 1945, please be advised that this table has not been compiled by years. It is possible for you to secure most of this data if you feel disposed to consult the file of the Reports of the Director of the Mint on hand at the Mint in Philadelphia. Should you desire to utilize this file of Reports I would be glad to furnish you with a letter of introduction to the Superintendent of the Mint that you may be admitted to the library of the Mint for that purpose.

In reply to your inquiry as to the number of standard silver dollars and gold pieces coined during the calendar year 1922, the following is submitted:

Calendar Year 1922

	Pieces	Value
Silver Dollars	84,275,000	$ 84,275,000
Gold		
Double Eagles	4,035,500	80,670,000
Grant Memorial Dollars	10,016	10,016

Respectfully,

[illegible] of the Mint.

August 6, 1923.

Mr. O. F. Humphreys,

Sulligent, Alabama,

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

August 6, 1923.

Mr. J. G. Maclean, Asst. Cashier,
First National Bank,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover, registered mail the package forwarded by you said to contain gold dust, and have to advise you that the Government does not purchase gold in the form of ore. Gold in the form of bullion is accepted by the United States Assay Office, New York, and paid for at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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August 6, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

J E Zaeberg

Director of the Mint.

OR

August 7, 1923.

Mr. Walter M. Patton, Director,
Carleton College Library,
Northfield, Minnesota.

Sir:

Responding to your request of August 2, I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of the "Proceedings of the Assay Commission, 1923."

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1923.

Mr. G. W. Boyd,
Silver Lake Hotel,
Seligman, Ariz.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 4 please be advised that the Government purchases gold bullion when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. The Government is not in the market at the present time for silver, and no allowance is made for that metal except that contained in gold deposits. The Government does not purchase platinum. Metals are purchased only in the form of bullion, not in the form of ore.

Respectfully,

F. E. Kobey

Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OK

August 7, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1923.

The Secretary,
The Institute of Bankers,
34, Clements Lane, E.C.4,
London, England.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 23, 1923, I take pleasure in forwarding a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the year 1922. Your name has been placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the Report for the fiscal year 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1923.

Mr. John Hoberg,
2954 John Street,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your card of recent date please be advised that the Monroe Doctrine Centennial half dollars may be obtained by making application to the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California. That body has sole charge of the distribution of the coins, and it is understood they are sold at a premium.

Respectfully,

F. E. Kosby

Director of the Mint.

August 7 , 1933.

Mrs. Lizzie Frauenfelder,
3345 W. Madison St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 3, please be advised that the money you describe should be forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1923.

Mr. R. J. Mawhinney,
Assistant Solicitor of the Treasury,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 3, I am returning herewith the contract and bond of the National Ice & Cold Storage Company of California. The certificate of the Division of Appointments, Section of Surety Bonds, as to the corporate surety has been attached to the bond in accordance with your request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

August 11, 1923.

Mr. A. E. Dye,

Hinckley, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 6 please be advised that the rock you describe should be forwarded to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. I would suggest that about five pounds of material should be forwarded in order that a representative assay may be made.

Respectfully,

F. T. Dorbey

Director of the Mint.

OR

August 11, 1923.

The Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

August 11, 1923.

Candelaria Mines Company,

Mina, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Brasher

Director of the Mint.

August 11, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tenders of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

J. R. Grahay

Director of the Mint.

August 11, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Oakley

Director of the Mint.

August 11, 1923.

Mr. F. Irwin, Superintendent,
Warsaw Graded and High School,
Warsaw, Kentucky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 8, please be advised that the coinage of one cent pieces is governed by the demand made by the banks upon the Treasury. A reasonable stock is kept on hand and this stock is replenished as the deman increases.

Respectfully,

F. E. Dooley

Director of the Mint.

August 11, 1923.

Mr. J. E. Dorsey,
2370 Farmland Avenue,
Monterey Park, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 30, please be advised that it is customary for memorial coins to be sold at a premium. The coins issued for the Columbian Exposition, St. Louis Exposition, the Grant memorial coins, Alabama and Missouri coins, were all sold at a premium. The organization which procures the special legislative authority for issuing these coins usuall applies the profit obtained through their sale to the cost of the occasion of the issue of the coins.

Respectfully,

J. E. Dorsey

Director of the Mint.

OR

August 11, 1923.

Mr. H. Bloomingdale,
962 Purchase Street,
New Bedford, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 6, please be advised that the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia" may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. at $1.00 a copy. The latest publication of this Catalogue is 1914.

Respectfully,

J. E. Beasley

Director of the Mint.

OK

August 11, 1923.

American Railway Express Company,

Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

I am enclosing original bill of lading covering a shipment of coins from the Mint at Philadelphia to the Federal Reserve Bank at St. Louis. Inasmuch as the consignee's certificate of delivery has been executed it is believed that the bill of lading was forwarded to this Bureau through error.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

August 15, 1923.

Messrs. Phillips & Jacobs,
622 Race Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

With reference to letters of this Bureau dated March 30th and July 27th, 1923, regarding form inquiry, previously sent you, used in requesting from dealers in and users of gold and silver in the industries of the United States the quantities so used during the calendar year 1922, kindly be advised that this information has not as yet reached this office.

As previously stated, the information furnished is treated as confidential, being used only in the compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

The annual report, prepared by this Bureau, in which the statistics referred to are embodied, is in course of preparation and in order that the published information may be as accurate as possible, may we not expect a prompt reply to our inquiry?

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1923.

Candelaria Mines Company,

Mina, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1923.

A. Robinson & Sons,
5 Catherine St.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

With reference to letters of this Bureau dated March 30th and July 27th, 1923, regarding form inquiry, previously sent you, used in requesting from dealers in and users of gold and silver in the industries of the United States the quantities so used during the calendar year 1922, kindly be advised that this information has not as yet reached this office.

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The annual report, prepared by this Bureau, in which the statistics referred to are embodied, is in course of preparation and in order that the published information may be as accurate as possible, may we not expect a prompt reply to our inquiry?

Respectfully,

J. E. Ackley

Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1923.

Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Company,
Statistical & Research Department,
Woolworth Building,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of August 11, concerning the use of gold for monetary and industrial purposes, it is suggested that a study be made of the data in the annual report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922, copy forwarded under separate cover.

Data concerning domestic gold production and use may be found on pages 46, 47 and 48; collateral data which may be of use to you may be found on preceding and following pages of those just mentioned. Data on the world production and use of gold will be found on pages 231 to 245 inclusive.

A copy of the final estimate of domestic gold and silver production for the calendar year 1922 is enclosed herewith. Other data pertaining to the year 1922 will not be available until about December first, next, when the forthcoming report of the Director of the Mint will be ready for distribution.

Respectfully,

J. E. Worley

Director of the Mint.

Enc.

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August 13, 1923.

Interstate Smelting & Refining Co.,
19-29 Commercial Street,
Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

With reference to letters of this Bureau dated March 5th and July 27th, 1923, regarding form inquiry, previously sent you, used in requesting from dealers in and users of gold and silver in the industries of the United States the quantities so used during the calendar year 1922, kindly be advised that this information has not as yet reached this office.

As previously stated, the information furnished is treated as confidential, being used only in the compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

The annual report, prepared by this Bureau, in which the statistics referred to are embodied, is in course of preparation and in order that the published information may be as accurate as possible, may we not expect a prompt reply to our inquiry?

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

August 14, 1923.

Dear Senator Spencer:

Last evening I sent you the following telegram:

"Hope to have Harding medals ready by end of month. Will advise you in advance of their issue of exact date."

The Mint at Philadelphia is now preparing a new reverse for the regular Presidential medal of President Harding. The reverse will bear the date of his inauguration and the date of his death. It is expected the medals will be ready the latter part of this month. The design is to be submitted late this week for approval. As promised in my telegram I shall wire you in advance of the general distribution of the medals in order that you may procure a supply before the Mint begins to fill general orders.

The medal in bronze is to be sold for $1.00. In addition to this, should it be desired, cases can be supplied for 35 cents, and postage of 17 cents on each medal and case. The cases, of course, are not essential and you may desire to order a number of the medals at $1.00 without the case.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Selden P. Spencer,
United States Senator,
St. Louis, Missouri.

August 14, 1923.

Mr. Charles M. Clark,
1305 Arch Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 13 please be advised that the regulations prohibit the photographing of any part of the interior of the Mint or any equipment or operation connected with the Mint. It will not, therefore, be possible to allow you to photograph the work being done on the medal for the late President Harding.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

August 14, 1923.

Mr. Richard H. Frank,
914 Elliott Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 9 relative to trade positions in the Government Mints, I would suggest that you address the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver and advise him that you have been instructed to do so by this Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

August 14, 1923.

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of August 13, relative to additional vaults and vault entrance for the Mint at Denver. Your letter has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver with the request that he return it immediately with any recommendation he may see fit to make.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

August 14, 1923.

M. J. Kittredge, Inc.,
418 Main Street,
Springfield, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 8, 1923, together with the gold scrap referred to. As there is no place in Washington where such material is purchased by the Government I am today forwarding your deposit to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York, and I have requested that officer to communicate with you directly regarding the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

August 14, 1923.

Director of Supply,
Bureau of Supply,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am returning our requisition for supplies kindly returned by you for correction. The two items with pencil notations have been eliminated. Thank you for calling attention to the same.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

August 15, 1923.

Mr. W. L. Strother,
Box 1555,
Rockford, Illinois.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter regarding the medallion of the late President Harding. Please be advised that application for this medal should be addressed to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. The medal in bronze is to be sold for $1.00. Should it be desired, a case can be supplied for 35 cents, and the postage is 17 cents on each medal and case. Payment to the Superintendent of the Mint should be made by cash, postal money order, [redacted].

Respectfully,

F M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 15, 1923.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C. (Through Division of Appointments)

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith contracts with accompanying bonds entered into by the Superintendent, United States Assay Office, New York City, for services and supplies during the current fiscal year, with the following firms:

E. B. Newman
Kalbfleisch Corporation
J. T. Baker Chemical Co.
Conley Foil Company
Ice Service Company
Standard Oil Company
N.Y. Linen Supply & Laundry Co.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 15, 1923.

Mrs. Sue W. Marshall,
10 Forbes Terrace,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 12 please be advised that the portrait to be used on the memorial medal of the late President Harding is the one now being used on the regular Presidential medal, and no new portrait will be required.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 15, 1923.

Mr. Boyd S. Brooks,

Poolesville, Maryland.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 13, please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. The piece you describe as bearing the date 1863 is a "token" piece, many of which were issued by private parties during the period of the civil war. The nickel or "white" cent of 1859 designed with the Indian head was probably the first coin of that denomination appearing with the Indian head.

I would suggest that you communicate with a coin dealer relative to the value of the pieces you describe.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 15, 1923.

Mr. F. H. Chaffin,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Chaffin:

Before leaving Washington yesterday Mr. Scobey endorsed the attached check, asking me to have you send to Mrs. Alice Duff Reynolds two Harding medals and cases. Will you please oblige him by cashing the check and sending the medals as soon as they are ready.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Mrs. Reynolds Address:

5048 Solway Street,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

August 15, 1923.

The Atlanta Dental Supply Company,

Atlanta, Georgia.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 13, together with dental gold plate and $2.00 in currency. As there is no place in Washington where assays are made by the Government for the public I have today forwarded the plate to the Superintendent, U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, with the request that an assay be made at that institution and a report be submitted to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 15, 1923.

Mr. James J. Carriere,
c/o Noble, 2479 University Ave.,
Bronx, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 12 please be advised that the Department is not interested in the cases you describe for the President's medal. The Mint does not manufacture cases.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 15, 1923.

The Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 15, 1923.

Mr. John H. Bartlett,
First Assistant Postmaster General,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am returning herewith invoice submitted by the postmaster at San Francisco, California, covering drayage service performed by Government-owned trucks for the U. S. Mint in that city, forwarded with your letter of August 7, 1923, file SR, in which you request that a warrant be issued in favor of the Post Office Department for the amount stated. The invoice in question appears to be a voucher supporting collection of $4.11 from the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, attention being invited to receipt, for payment, of James E. Power, Postmaster, dated July 18, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.

August 15, 1923.

Interstate Smelting and Refining Co., Inc.,
19-29 Commercial Street,
Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 14, 1923, replying to letter of this Bureau dated August 13th, regarding form inquiry used in requesting from dealers in and users of gold and silver, in the industries of the United States, the quantities so used during the calendar year 1922. The Bureau, realizing the difficulty in preparing an entirely accurate report, desires only a general statement of the source and disposition of the metal handled, as outlined by the form. As an example, any amounts that may have been sold to manufacturing jewelers, dentists, etc. could be totaled and stated under a general heading "sold to manufacturing jewelers, dentists, etc." The amount sold to the mints or assay offices should be stated separately, if possible. In showing the source of your receipts of new bullion, the approximate amounts from large dealers will be sufficient. The names of concerns from whom you received old material, U. S. coin or mint or assay office bars need not be shown if approximate amounts are given.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 15, 1923.

Bank of Central and South America, Inc.,
44 Pine Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has reported to this Bureau the receipt of a letter from the National Bank of Nicaragua, Inc., Managua, Nicaragua, relative to certain coinage for their Government, and naming your Bank as agent to negotiate the same. Reference is made to "Order for Nicaraguan Bronze Coins, N.Y. - 603 - 7/23/23."

Before this coinage could be undertaken it would be necessary for application to be made by the duly accredited representative of the Government of Nicaragua at this Capital, through the State Department.

Should the coinage be authorized the manufacture of the 300,000 Un Centavo de Cordoba and 400,000 Medio Centavo de Cordoba could be undertaken at the rate of $2.20 per thousand pieces, the rate at which a previous similar order was executed for the Government of Nicaragua.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 15, 1923.

Denver Fire Clay Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Will you please quote this Bureau your prices on "Double X Bone Ash" in 100, 300, and 500 lbs. lots, delivered to the Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M. M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Q.

August 16, 1923.

The Pathfinder Publishing Company,

Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

Replying to your letter of August 15, please be advised that the letter "W" appearing on the dime is the initial of the designer, Mr. Adolph A. Weinman, who also designed the current half dollar. The letter "O" was the mint mark of the United States Mint at New Orleans when coins were manufactured at that institution. The Mint mark of the San Francisco Mint is the letter "S", while that of Denver is the letter "D". Coins manufactured at the mint at Philadelphia are known by the absence of a mint mark.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 15, 1922.

Mr. D. J. Bell, Purchasing Agent,
Sidney Blumenthal & Co., Inc.,
Shelton, Conn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 15, please be advised that the mints do not supply the material you describe. The mints are allowed to sell gold only in the form of bars in quantities $5,000 and over, but not in smaller amounts. Gold is not sold by the mints in the form of wire or flat strips.

Respectfully,

F. H. McNeily

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1923.

Mr. James S. Murray,
Assistant to the President,
The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 15, please be advised that the so-called "Peace Dollar" was first issued in 1921, when 1,006,473 pieces were coined. No change is made in the design of any coin oftener than once in twenty five years. The design formerly used for the silver dollar had been in use since 1878.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1923.

Mr. G. G. Ison,

Mangum, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 13 please be advised that the United States Assay Offices at Salt Lake City, Utah, and Deadwood, South Dakota, undertake the assaying of ores at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1923.

Mr. Gillis Rayne,
W. Burley Street,
Berlin, Maryland.

Sir:

Replying to your card of August 8 please be advised that a coin that is mutilated is not legal tender and has no value as money.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1925.

Anaconda Copper Mining Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In reply to Mr. Sowerwine's letter of August 15th, please be advised that the Director of the Mint has purchased, for future delivery, from the Arizona Silver Mines Company 33,000 ounces silver. This silver is deliverable at the San Francisco mint and to the end of July approximately 8,400 ounces had been received at that institution.

It will be satisfactory to this office for the Anaconda Copper Mining Company or the United Metals Selling Company to act as agent for the Arizona Silver Mines Company in delivery of this silver, or any portion thereof, but if such action is taken the records, affidavits, etc., throughout should consistently carry out the agency feature, and in making your deliveries information should be supplied to the Superintendent of the mint that the deliveries are for the account of the Arizona Silver Mines Company.

Respectfully,

M. W. Gilbert

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1923.

Mr. A. M. Scheck, Librarian,
The First National Bank,
634 Van Nuys Building,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

Your letter of July 23, 1923, has been referred to this Bureau for attention. Please be advised that the publication "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia" was last issued in 1914. This catalogue may be obtained at $1.00 a copy by applying to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1923.

Mr. Herman A. Schleede,
R.F.D. No. 3,
Lyons, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 11, please be advised that the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, will undertake the assaying of ores at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. About five pounds of material should be forwarded in order that a representative assay may be made.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1923.

Mr. F. W. Pies,

Flat River, Mo.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay. Please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ores are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of the rock you describe to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver, and $1.00 each for other metals determined. The Assay Office does not undertake the analysis of liquids.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1923.

Mr. P. W. Lamar,
1629 Chestnut Street,
Augusta, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 7, please be advised that there were 49,625 silver dollars coined in the year 1866. From 1840 to 1865 there was no change in the design of the dollar, nor is there any record of two types of silver dollars issued in 1866.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1923.

Mr. E. M. Johnson, President,
Peoples National Bank,
Warrensburg, Mo.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter regarding the medallion of the late President Harding. Please be advised that application for this medal should be addressed to the Superintendent, United StatesMint, Philadelphia, Pa. The medal in bronze is to be sold for $1.00. Should it be desired, a case can be supplied for 35 cents, and the postage is 17 cents on each medal and case. Payment to the Superintendent of the Mint should be made by cash or postal money order.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1923.

Miss Hilda Wicken,
431 14th Avenue, North,
Apartment 21,
Seattle, Washington.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of August 9 please be advised that it is not possible to identify the date of the coin you describe.

The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. I would suggest that you consult coin dealers in regard to values on old coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1923.

Mr. A. L. Hartick,
9 Main Street,
Westfield, N.Y.

Sir:

Responding to your inquiry of August 13, please be advised that the coinage of silver dollars ceased in 1904, in which year there were coined 8,000,000 pieces. The coinage of silver dollars was resumed in 1921. Silver dollars have at no time been recalled.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1923.

Hon. Selden P. Spencer,
1230 Boatmen's Bank Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Senator Spencer:

In the absence of Mr. Scobey I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 14, together with your check for $7.60 to cover the cost of five Harding Medallions. I have today forwarded your check to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia with the request that he give your order precedence.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1923.

Mr. A. G. Eidemiller, Recorder,
Miami County,
Troy, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Eidemiller:

In the absence of Mr. Scobey I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 14, together with your check for $4.56 to cover the cost of three Harding Medallions. I have today forwarded your check to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia with the request that he give your order precedence.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 17, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Company,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 17, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 17, 1923.

Doctor F. M. Sarface,
Bureau of Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to advise that gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of July, 1923, were as follows for the classifications indicated:

Unrefined domestic gold - - 92,535.011 fine ozs.
Unrefined domestic silver - 439,580.70 fine ozs.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 17, 1923.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to advise that silver receipts of the mints during the month of July, 1923, were as follows, for the classifications indicated:

Unrefined domestic bullion	-	439,580.70 fine ozs.
Unrefined foreign bullion	-	93,295.46 " "
Foreign silver coin	-	16,223.65 " "

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 17, 1923.

Mr. Fred L. Loughlin,
2532 Astor Place,
Arlington, Md.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter regarding the medallion of the late President Harding. Please be advised that application for this medal should be addressed to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. The medal in bronze is to be sold for $1.00. Should it be desired, a case can be supplied for 35 cents, and the postage is 17 cents on each medal and case. Payment to the Superintendent of the Mint should be made by cash or postal money order.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Money order
returned herewith.

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1925.

Dear Congressman Davis:

Referring to your inquiry regarding the sample of rock submitted for assay by Mr. A. T. Barnes of Tullahoma, Tennessee, please be advised that the Assayer of this Bureau reports that the sample contains considerable Pyrites (iron sulphide) and also a gray or black metallic mineral, probably galena (lead sulphide). Silver is present but occurs in a very small amount, which may vary from a trace to perhaps a few ounces to the ton. An ore deposit composed entirely of the material submitted could not be profitably worked for silver.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Elwin L. Davis,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

August 18, 1923.

Mr. E. W. Almond,
16 Anson Street,
Derby, Conn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 15 please be advised that three dollar gold pieces were coined by the United States from 1854 to 1889, 539,792 three dollar gold pieces having been manufactured during that period.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1923.

Mr. Charles F. Bishop,
712 West End Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your card of August 16 I have to advise that the address of Mr. Raymond T. Baker, former Director of the Mint, is -

3 Craig Street,
Oakland, California.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1923.

Mr. L. P. Singham,
48 Wood Avenue,
Jackson, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 14 please be advised that there are no $1.00 gold pieces in the Treasury nor at the Mints, and I am unable to advise you where they may be obtained. By applying to the Treasurer of the United States $2.50 gold pieces may be obtained. The Treasurer does not deal in nor segregate rare coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1923.

Mr. F. Tuckerman Parker,
5 Botts Court,
Salem, Massachusetts.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 16, please be advised that the Act of Congress approved July 9, 1917, authorized a slight modification in the design of the quarter dollar for the purpose of improving the artistic merit of the coin. It is not possible to effect a change in the design of a coin without authorization by Congress. Both types of quarter dollars are, of course, legal.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1923.

Mr. John Thomas,
964 Colwell Street,
Memphis, Tenn.

Sir:

Your letter of August 6 addressed to the Superintendent U.S. Mint, Fort Worth, Texas, has been forwarded to this Bureau as there is no Mint in that city.

It is understood that you submitted five pounds of the same material you shipped to this office for assay to the U.S. Assay Office, Salt Lake City, and that they reported it to contain gold silica, or a trace of gold. Please be advised that the Government does not buy gold in the form of ore; it must be smelted and in the form of bullion before the Government will purchase it.

The material we are holding here belonging to you is believed to be worthless, but if you so direct we will ship it to you express collect.

Respectfully,

W. M. Rawley

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1925.

Mr. R. J. Mawhinney,
Assistant Solicitor of the Treasury,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am enclosing contract and bond of the National Ice and Cold Storage Company of California which has been returned from your office without comment. Should not the signature of the Solicitor of the Treasury appear on the contract before the same is forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury for approval?

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1923.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Deaprtment of Justice,
Washington, D.C. (Through Division of Appointments)

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith the following contracts entered into by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, for services and supplies during the current fiscal year:

The Continental Oil Company of Denver
The General Chemical Company
Denver Towel Supply Company
Richard Kell
The Western Iron Foundry Company
The Colorado Towel and Linen Supply Co.

Bonds accompany the contracts of the Continental Oil Company and the General Chemical Company. The Superintendent of the Denver Mint has requested that the other contracts be approved without bonds in view of the fact that there was no considerable amount involved, and that considerable difficulty was experienced in securing the contracts in question.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1923.

Mr. F. S. Kincade,

Erie, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 15, 1923, please be advised that in 1921 there were coined 1,002,000 half dollars. The only half dollars coined during 1922 were those of the Grant memorial issue, to the number of 100,061 pieces. No half dollars of the regular issue have been coined during the current calendar year. Several million standard silver dollars have been coined since January 1, 1923, and these coins may be obtained by applying to the Superintendent of the Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1923.

Mr. W. B. Gaitree,
The Studebaker Corporation,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

In the absence of Mr. Scobey I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 14.

With reference to the medallions to be issued in memory of the late President Harding, please be advised that application for these medals should be addressed to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia. The medal in bronze is to be sold for $1.00, and the cost of postage is about 15 cents on each medal. Payment should be made to the Superintendent of the Mint by cash or postal money order.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1923.

Mr. J. W. Rinkleff,
Assistant Cashier,
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 18, please be advised that no Harding silver memorial dollars are to be issued by the Mint. The inquiry is probably induced by the fact that the mint is preparing a new reverse for the Harding Presidentfal medal which will commemorate the date of the death of President Harding. This medal, it is expected, will be placed on sale early in September. The medal in bronze is to be sold at $1.00, plus 15 cents postage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1923.

Mr. Geo. U. Richmond, Asst. Cashier,
American National Bank,
St. Joseph, Missouri.

Sir:

Your letter of August 18 relative to the medallion to be issued in memory of the late President Harding has been forwarded to this Bureau for attention. Applications for this medal should be addressed to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. The medal in bronze is to be sold for $1.00, and the postage is about fifteen cents on each medal. Payment to the Superintendent of the Mint should be made by cash or postal money order.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1923.

Mr. Frank Hodson, President,
Electric Furnace Construction Co.,
908 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 18 I regret to advise you that we are without authority to permit having photographs taken of the Remmerfelt Electric Furnace now in the Mint in Philadelphia. A recent regulation, to which we are required to adhere, strictly prohibits the photographing of machinery or equipment of a mint or assay office.

Respectfully,

M. McO'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1923.

Mr. S. D. Bridge,
P. O. Box 388,
Litchfield, Conn.

Sir:

Your letter of August 20 addressed to Mr. Scobey has reached his desk in his absence. I would suggest that you confer with the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, 34 Wall Street, New York, relative to your desire to obtain a position in the Mint and Assay Service. The Superintendent of the Assay Office will be able to advise you as to whether or not there is an opening for you, and the necessary procedure for you to obtain a Civil Service appointment.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1923.

Mr. Joseph M. Ambrose,
2219 Indiana Way, N.E.,
Canton, Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a copper coin in your possession dated 1787, has been referred to this Bureau for attention. Please be advised that the piece you describe is not a coin of the United States, but is probably a "token" piece of private manufacture. It possesses no monetary value, but may have some slight value as a curio. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 156 and 157th Sts., New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1925.

Mr. D. P. Freeze,
R.F.D. No. 1,
Hamilton, Montana.

Sir:

I am returning the material forwarded by you for assay with the advice that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of the material you describe to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1923.

Mrs. Harry L. Roger,
P.O. Box 19,
Milroy, Pa.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the material forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. A visual examination of this material would indicate that it is pyrites and of no value. Should you desire an assay, however, I would suggest that you send about five pounds of the material to the U.S. Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

M. T. [illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1923.

Mr. Fred B. McLean,
504 Aldine Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

In the absence of Mr. Scobey I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 17 relative to the medallion of the late President Harding. Application for this medal should be addressed to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia. The medal in bronze is to be sold for $1.00, and the postage on each medal is 15 cents.

When Mr. Scobey returns to his desk your letter will be called to his attention.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1923.

The Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1923.

Miss Mary N. Lidstrom,
16 Federal Street,
Worcester, Mass.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of August 19 relative to an octagonal gold piece in your possession, please be advised that this piece is not a coin of the United States. This piece and those similar was issued by private parties. Their manufacture was illegal and has been suppressed.

For information relative to the value of the coins you describe I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 156th and 157th Streets, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1923.

Mr. James B. Murray,
Assistant to the President,
The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of August 20 relative to the so-called "Peace" dollar.

No silver dollars were coined from 1904 until 1921, when silver purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act became available for manufacture of standard silver dollars.

The law provides that the designs of coins cannot be changed oftener than once in twenty five years without special act of Congress. The design used in the old silver dollars had been in use since 1878 and it was deemed appropriate when the coinage of new silver dollars was undertaken to have a new design executed, and on account of the period at which those new dollars appeared they were given the name of "Peace Dollars". This design will continue to be used without change unless by some special act of Congress, for twenty five years from 1921.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1923.

Colonel Nye,
2100 Jefferson Ave.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry please be advised that a medal of President Roosevelt is for sale at the Mint in Philadelphia at $1.00. The Philadelphia Mint has a set of medals of all the Presidents from Washington to Harding.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1923.

Dr. George F. Kunz,
409 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Kunz:

In the absence of Mr. Scobey I am returning your check for $3.04 for President Harding memorial medals. The medals will be ready early in September and will be distributed by the Superintendent of the Mint in Philadelphia. May I trouble you to forward money order or cash to that officer and the medals will be sent to you as soon as they are issued.

With personal regards, I am,

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1923.

Brentano's,
F and Twelfth Streets,
Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

I am returning herewith your account for "Readings in the Economic History of the United States", and have to request that you render your account on the voucher left at your office when the order was placed. The account should read $2.66 instead of $2.98.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1923.

The Charleston National Bank,

Charleston, West Virginia.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your communication of August 20, I am unable to advise you where you can obtain a $50.00 slug or assay piece. The only $50.00 gold coins ever authorized by the Government were those issued for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1923.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am returning herewith contracts and bonds covering the Metropolitan Laundry Company and the Enterprise Foundry Company which were returned by you to this office without approval under date of August 3, 1923. These instruments were transmitted to the Mint at San Francisco for correction, and it is believed they are now in proper form for approval by your office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1923.

Dr. C. O. Brown,
402 Dollar Bank Building,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your bullion deposit slip of August 22, 1923, together with package said to contain 26 ounces of dental scrap. As there is no place in Washington where such deposits are received by the Government, I am today forwarding your package, unopened, to the Superintendent, United States Assay Office, New York, with the request that that officer communicate with you directly regarding your deposit.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1923.

Rev. J. Schwed,
104 La Salle Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of August 21 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention. Please be advised that an Act of Congress would be required before a coin of another denomination than those now coined could be issued.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1925.

Mr. Earle G. Rogers,
626 E. South Temple St.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sir:

In the absence of the Director of the Mint I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 19 enclosing a statement entitled "A Stimulent for Gold Production. The attention of the Director will be called to the document upon his return to his desk some time next week.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1923.

Miss Mildred Madden,
410 Indiana Ave., S.W.,
Rochester, Minnesota.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of recent date I enclose a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint. There are no copies of the Regulations Governing the Operations of the Mints and Assay Offices available for distribution. These documents are issued only for the use of the employees of the Mint Service and are not for public distribution.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1923.

Mr. William G. Edens, Vice President,
Central Trust Company of Illinois,
125 West Monroe Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

In the absence of Mr. Scobey I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 21 relative to the Harding medallion. Please be advised that application for these medals should be addressed to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia. The medals are sold for $1.00 each in bronze, plus 15 cents postage. Payment should be made to the Superintendent in cash or by postal money order.

When Mr. Scobey returns to his desk your letter will be called to his attention.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1923.

Mr. J. W. Rinkloff, Assistant Cashier,
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 22 you are advised that you are correct in your understanding that banks and individuals desiring the Harding medallion should make application to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, and payment in cash or by postal money order should be made to that officer.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1923.

Mr. Harry Urmland,
112 Fourth St.,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 20, 1923, please be advised that application for the memorial coins you mention should be made as indicated below:

Monroe Doctrine	Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California.
Pilgrim half dollar	National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.
Missouri half dollar	Sedalia Bank and Trust Co., Sedalia, Missouri.
Maine half dollar	State Treasurer, Augusta, Maine.
Alabama half dollar	First National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama.
Grant memorial coins.	U.S. Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

The Denver Fire Clay Company

Denver, Colorado.

August 24, 1923.

Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Double X Bone Ash 500 lbs. .08½

W. M. Kelly

Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1923.

Captain Martin D. McAllister, Inf.,
209 Infantry Terrace,
Presidio of San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 19, 1923, please be advised that a full set of Presidential medals from Washington to Harding are on sale at the Mint in Philadelphia. These medals are in bronze and sell for $1.00 each.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1923.

Mr. R. T. Hackenson,
11942 Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 23, please be advised that application for the Harding medallion should be addressed to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, and payment for the same should be made to that official in cash or by postal money order. The medal in bronze is sold for $1.00 and postage on the same is fifteen cents. Your money order is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1923.

Mr. Howard Walter,
31 Moselle Street,
Buffalo, New York.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter relative to the medallion to be issued in memory of the late President Harding. Please be advised that application for this medal should be addressed to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, and payment should be made to that officer in cash or by postal money order. The medal in bronze is sold for $1.00, plus fifteen cents for postage.

Respectfully,

F M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1923.

Mr. F. E. Aspinwall,

Wilseyville, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 21, 1923, please be advised that it would require an act of Congress before a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation could be issued.

Respectfully,

Mary O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1923.

Mr. R. S. Oberholser,
Box 768,
Raleigh, North Carolina.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 23, please be advised that the Government purchases gold only in the form of bullion and not in the form of ore. Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine. Charges are made for fitting the material for coinage purposes. The United States Assay Office, New York will purchase gold when presented in the form of bullion and in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

M. McRailey

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1923.

Mr. G. Moe, Librarian,
Bankers Trust Company,
16 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of August 20 addressed to the Treasury Department Library has been referred to this Bureau. The Report of the Director of the Mint issued annually is the only publication compiled by this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1923.

Mr. Fred A. Hornaday,

San Antonio, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your telegram of August 27 please be advised that Mr. Scobey is out of the city and is not expected back for some time.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1923.

Mr. J. M. Watts,
P. O. Box 36,
Pontotoc, Miss.

Sir:

Replying to your letter relative to one dollar gold pieces, please be advised that there are none of these coins in the Treasury Department and none in the Mints. Coin collectors hold these pieces at a premium.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

OR

August 28, 1923.

Mr. A. E. Dye,

Hinckley, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 22 please be advised that the Government does not purchase platinum, nor is an allowance made for this metal when contained in gold deposits. I am unable to advise you of a firm to whom you might ship your platinum ore.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1923.

The Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

August 29, 1923

Arizona Silver Mines Company
Unionville
Nevada.

Gentlemen:

It is noted from your sworn abstracts from books of account that on May 15, 1923 you had on hand silver to the total of 27,403 ounces; also that you have recovered from receipts during the period May 16 to 31, 1,808.05 ounces giving a total of 29,211.05 ounces.

Your tenders of silver for sale to the Director of the Mint to include your receipts up to May 31 were:

25,000	ounces
4,500	"
1,000	"
1,000	"
500	"
500	"
32,500	ounces

The above indicates apparent overtenders to May 31 of approximately 3,300 ounces.

It is understood from your abstracts for periods subsequent to May 31 that you expect to deliver only such silver as is found in the lots stated to contain the above mentioned total of 29,211.05 ounces. Please inform me if this is correct, with an explanation in case the stated understanding is incorrect.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1923

Candelaria Mines Company
Candelaria
Nevada.

Gentlemen:

With referdnce to your letter of August 21 forwarding an abstract from books of account covering silver transactions to include June 1, 1923, it is suggested that you refer to Treasury Regulations of May 5th 1923 which calls for the rendition of monthly accounts to such time as deliveries to the Mint of the accepted silver have been completed.

It is therefore requested that abstracts be rendered for each month subsequent to June 1 until complete deliveries have been made.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

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August 28, 1923

Mr. Oliver V. Lee
National Bank of Commerce
New York City.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 25th please be advised that the latest issue of the "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" is dated 1916, which issue you stated you have.

In view of the generally unsettled monetary conditions it has not been deemed expedient to make a more recent revision of the pamphlet.

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

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August 30, 1923.

Mr. G. C. Thornton,
1621 Sixth Avenue,
Huntington, W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 27 please be advised that the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, will undertake the assaying of ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 30, 1923.

Mr. J. L. Schofield,

Oakhurst, Texas.

Sir:

That part of your letter of July 28, 1923, with reference to old gold has been forwarded to this Bureau for attention. The United States Assay Office at New York accepts gold in the form of bullion when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Smaller quantities are not acceptable. Such deposits are paid for by check drawn on the Treasurer of the United States at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce, after charges are deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1923.

Assayer in Charge,
U.S. Assay Office,
Deadwood, South Dakota.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of August 27 in which you state that you have a Densmore Typewriter which is of no value, it will be necessary for us to know the number of the machine, model and type in order to report the same to the supply Bureau. The Bureau will advise us of the value placed upon the machine before it can be surrendered.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1923.

Mr. Ira W. Harbison,

Tuscumbia, Missouri.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter regarding the Harding medallion. These medals are to be issued in bronze at a cost of $1.00 each, plus 15 cents for postage. Application for the medals should be addressed to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia. It is expected that the medals will be ready for delivery early in September. Payment should be made by cash or postal money order, and should accompany the application.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1923.

Mr. Gordon L. Willis, President,
Hampshire County Trust Company,
Northampton, Massachusetts.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 27 please be advised that the Monroe Doctrine Centennial coins are distributed by the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California, and application for the coins should be addressed to that body. It is understood that they are sold for $1.00 each. The coins were manufactured at the United States Mint, San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1923.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Under date of May 17, 1923, this office requested that you forward miner's affidavits evidencing domestic production of silver in quantity equivalent to that lost in operation during the accounting period established by regulations for purchases under the terms of the Pittman Act, to December 31, 1922. Surrender of other miner's affidavits was also requested at that time. Your reply to the particular request above mentioned made reference to anticipated recovery of considerable quantities of silver in flue dust, with suggestion that surrender of these affidavits be delayed until completion of deliveries of silver purchased under the Act.

I am unable to locate your reply to the Bureau's letter and would very much appreciate a copy of same, together with information as to the period during which the flue dust in question had been accumulating.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1923.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

In accordance with directions received from the Secretary of the Treasury on June 28, 1920, I have the honor to submit the monthly estimate of the value of the silver content of the following coins:

British and Hongkong dollar	$0.4930
Yuan dollar	0.4957

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1923.

Mr. C. G. Meyer,
1769 East 89th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 28, 1923, together with gold scrap forwarded by you. There is no place in Washington where such material is handled by the Government, and I am today forwarding your deposit to the Superintendent, U.S. Assay Office, New York City, with the request that he communicate with you directly regarding the same.

Respectfully,

F. H. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1923.

Mr. V. A. Boucher,

Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of package forwarded by you containing a gold king and dust. This material is being forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York City, as there is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government. The Superintendent has been requested to communicate with you directly regarding your deposit.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1923.

Chief Clerk,

War Department.

Sir:

Mr. Karl W. Shelland was transferred from the War Department to the Director of the Mint's office, Treasury Department, in November, 1920. He died on August 21, 1923, and it is necessary for us to obtain his service record to secure for his mother refund of the amount held for retirement. I am enclosing a blank and will appreicate it if you will execute it and return the same to this office.

Respectfully,

W. D. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1923.

Dr. W. C. Smith,

Jefferson, Ga.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the material forwarded by you, said to be gold, for which you request a check in payment. Please be advised that the Government purchases gold only in the form of bullion and then only when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1923.

Mr. Ernest H. Allen,

Hayes Store, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your card I am unable to advise you as to the value of the pieces you describe as "buttons". The Government does not purchase gold in small quantities, only such tenders of gold bullion as approximate or exceed $100.00 in value being acceptable to the Government.

Respectfully,

M. M. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1925.

Dear Mrs. Carpenter:

I just heard from Mr. Morgan yesterday that you had been in the hospital. I am very sorry you had this experience and I hope you are really better.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Mac

Mrs. Virginia Carpenter,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 31, 1923.

Dr. P. E. Aspinwall,

Wilseyville, New York.

Sir:

Your letter of August 21 addressed to the Post Office Department relative to a two-and-one-half cent piece has been referred by the Third Assistant Postmaster General to this office for attention. A similar letter was repeived by this Bureau from you and replied to under date of August 25th.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1923.

Mrs. Shelland,
6441 Georgia Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Shelland:

Some time when you feel able to come to the office will you please call and see Mr. Frantz or me about filling out some blanks in order that you may draw the salary due Mr. Shelland, and also arrange for the refund of retirement money withdrawn from his pay.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1923.

Mr. Henry L. Andrews,
397 Main Street,
Woburn, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 27 please be advised that the Philadelphia Mint in March, 1923, coined 1,431,000 one cent pieces. Future coinage of one cent pieces during the current calendar year depends upon the demand for this denomination.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1923.

Mr. Geo. S. Lee,
Traffic Manager,
46 Trinity Place,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Will you please forward, for use in this office, the latest Local and Joint Tariff containing express rate tables for blocks in which the following cities are located:

Boise, Idaho	New York, N. Y.
Carson City, Nev.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Deadwood, S. Dak.	Salt Lake City, Utah.
Denver, Colo.	San Francisco, Cal.
Helena, Mont.	Seattle, Wash.
New Orleans, La.	Washington, D. C.

Also kindly forward a copy of the latest edition of your Official Directory, with list of offices and their block location.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1923.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C. (Through Division of Appointments)

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith contracts entered into by the Superintendent, U.S. Assay Office, New York, with the following firms for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924:

National District Telegraph Co.

American Window Cleaning Company.

Respectfully,

M. M. [illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1923.

Mr. Geo. E. Clay,
1 West 81st Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 25, 1923, please be advised that the Mint at Denver was the only institution to coin one cent pieces during 1922, to the value of $71,600.00. No nickels were coined during 1922. For the six months to June 30, 1923, the Mint at Philadelphia coined five cent pieces to the value of $602,450 and $14,310 in one cent pieces. By applying to the mints in question specimens of these coins may be obtained.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1923.

Dr. J. J. McCann,
147 Central Street,
Lowell, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 27 please be advised that the United States Assay Office at New York purchase gold scrap when presented in a quantity sufficient to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Smaller amounts are not acceptable.

Respectfully,

M. W. McPhail

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

I am transmitting herewith contract entered into by the Superintendent, United States Mint, San Francisco, with the National Ice and Cold Storage Company of California, together with bond covering this contract, for file in your office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

I am transmitting herewith contracts, together with accompanying bonds, entered into by the Superintendent, United States Assay Office, New York, with the following-named firms for the fiscal year 1924:

Conley Foil Company
Kalbfleisch Corporation
Standard Oil Company of New York

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

I am transmitting herewith contracts entered into by the Superintendent of the United States Mint, San Francisco, California, with the following-named firms for the fiscal year 1924:

Enterprise Foundry Company
Metropolitan Laundry Company

Contract bond accompanies each of these contracts.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1923.

The First National Bank,

Bernville, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of August 28 please be advised that the following coinage has been executed at the Mints indicated during the period January 1, 1923 to June 30, 1923:

Double Eagles	Philadelphia and Denver
Silver Dollars	Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver
Half dollars (Monroe Doctrine)	San Francisco
Dimes	Philadelphia
Five-cent pieces	Philadelphia
One-cent pieces	Philadelphia

It is impossible to know at this time what future demands for coinage will require for the period ending December 31, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1923.

Mr. Geo. H. Burton,
Elks Building,
Norfolk, Nebraska.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 27 please be advised that the United States Assay Office, New York, purchases gold bullion of whatever fineness when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Small deposits are not acceptable.

Respectfully,

N. M. Riell

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1923.

Hon. A. H. W. Cleave,
Deputy Master, Royal Mint,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 28, 1923, stating that the Deputy Master of the London Mint, Colonel R. A. Johnson, C.B.E., will be in Ottawa and desires to inspect the Mint at Philadelphia. The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to receive Colonel Johnson and place all available information at his disposal. I am bespeaking for the Superintendent the pleasure it will be for him to have a visit from you as well as Colonel Johnson.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 1, 1923.

Director, Bureau of the Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of April 25th, 1923, there is forwarded herewith tabulation showing the silver quotations for the month of August, 1923.

Month	Average New York quotation per fine ounce silver	Bullion value of the silver in a U.S. standard silver dollar	Commercial ratio of silver to gold
August, 1923...	$0.63175 ...	$0.46863	32.7210 ..

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

September 4, 1923.

Edward Thompson Company,
Northport, New York.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $7.50, covering one copy of "Federal Statutes Annotated, 1922 Supplement", with request that same be certified to in the place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office, when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint.

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint 1924

oubleday-Hill Electric Co.,
115 12th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Sept. 4 23.

ector of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Starting Box, 1/2 H.P., 220 volts D.C. 1 4 75

4 75

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

September 5, 1923.

Mr. F. D. Aspinwall,
Wilseyville, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 3, 1923, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and to your reference on our letter of August 25, 1923, please be advised that the proposal to issue a 2½-cent piece has frequently been before Congress and has met with strong opposition. The Treasury Department would not feel free to initiate legislation looking to the issue of another coin than those of the denominations now current.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1923.

Mr. Dallas Bondeman,
Charlevoix, Michigan.

Sir:

Your letter of August 24, addressed to the State Department, has been referred to this Bureau for attention. Replying the following is submitted:-

For the amount of gold and silver coin I am enclosing a copy of the last Circulation Statement.

The price of gold is fixed at $20.67 per fine ounce.

The price of silver changes each day the same as any other commodity. At present it is about 65 cents per fine ounce.

The value of a gold coin is the value of the gold contained in it when the coin is first issued from the Mint, as indicated by the denomination of coin. That is,- a twenty dollar gold coin contains exactly $20 worth of gold when first issued from the Mint.

The value of the silver in a silver dollar varies according to the current rate of silver. There are 371.25 grains of silver in a silver dollar.

For information regarding the monetary statistics of foreign countries I am sending you a copy of the last Report of the Director of the Mint. This Report contains all the data available on the subject, which we are able to supply to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:
Circulation Statement

September 5, 1923.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the following affidavits forwarded to the Philadelphia Mint with your letter of April 19, 1923, in support of sales of silver to the Government under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Martin Nicholson swears that he is the Accountant of the Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining and Con. Company, owner of the Bunker Hill Smelter, situated in the county of Shoshone, Idaho, but does not name nor locate the producing mine although the affidavit purports to be that of the miner and accompanies smelter's affidavit of the Assistant Superintendent of the Bunker Hill Smelter. Corrected miner's affidavit should be furnished in lieu of all affidavits of the above nature. Those accompanying your letter of April 19, 1923, above mentioned, pertain to lot #27, 1,273.09 ozs., lot #26, 1,250.16 ozs., lots 28 to 31, 6,568.03 ozs., and lots 32 to 35, 6,132.20 ounces.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1923.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Smelter's affidavit, in connection with sales of silver to the Government under the terms of the Pittman Act, filed per your letter of June 1, 1923, with the Philadelphia Mint on account of the Phelps-Dodge Corporation, made by the Copper Queen Reduction Works, for 89,507.14 ounces silver received in February, 1923, does not carry identification of the silver in question with the accompanying miner's affidavits. Please forward such identification.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1923.

Mr. M. S. Sampson, Teller,
Mercantile State Bank,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of August 30th, please be advised that the legal weight of the silver trade dollar at time of issue was 420 grains troy, while the legal weight of the standard silver dollar is 412½ grains. The trade dollar is no longer redeemable by the United States or any of its agencies, and aside from the question of numismatic value is worth only the market price of the silver content. The United States pays no premium either on account of the numismatic value or otherwise on any of its coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 6, 1923.

Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,
Tonopah, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

Wm M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 6, 1923.

Mr. Julius Kuske,
Wibaux, Montana.

Sir:

I am returning the specimen of rock addressed to the U. S. Assay Office. Washington, and delivered by the Post Office to this Bureau. There is no assay office in Washington where samples are tested for the public by the Government. If you will send the specimen to the United States Assay Office, Helena, Montana, a test will be made for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00, and $1.00 for each other metal determined.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 8, 1926.

Mr. Russell D. Hodges,
Assistant Cashier,
Peoples Bank and Trust Company,
Boone, N. C.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the dust sent by you. A visual examination indicates that there is no value in this specimen. It is probably pyrites, or iron ore.

There is no place in Washington where the Government receives such deposits, and the mints do not buy gold in any form but that of bullion.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint

September 10, 1923.

Mr. Adlia A. Blevins,
Damascus, Virginia.

Sir:

The piece of metal which you recently sent addressed to the U. S. Assay Office, Washington, has been delivered by the Post Office to this Bureau. The metal appears to be copper, and has been returned to you under separate cover.

Respectfully,

W M Phelps

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 10, 1923.

A. Y. Howell, Cashier,
Peoples Bank and Trust Company,
Boone, N. C.

Sir:

The package received from you to-day, addressed to the Treasury Department, is being returned with the advice that the Government does not buy gold in any form but in that of bullion. There is no place in Washington where material such as you have forwarded is received by the Government.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division.

Gentlemen:

There is enclosed contract and Bond of the Continental Oil Company for supplying the Mint at Denver with oil during the fiscal year 1924, the same having been duly approved.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures:
Contract
Bond.

September 11, 1923.

The Director
Bureau of Supply,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The Assayer in Charge of the Assay Office at Deadwood, S. D., reports that he has on hand an old Densmore Typewriter, Model 1, No. 9449, with upper and lower case, for which he has received an offer of $5.00. Will you please advise this Bureau if he is to be allowed to dispose of this old machine at the rate given.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 11, 1923.

Mrs. John Cushing,
Huntington, Long Island.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 10th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, please be advised that the Mints receive deposits of silver and pay the market price which varies each day. At present silver is about 63 cents per ounce. Charges for preparing the material for coinage purposes are deducted, and payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States. The value is determined after the material is melted and assayed. The U. S. Assay Office at New York (24 Wall Street) will advise you of the approximate value of your deposit if you care to submit the same to that office.

Respectfully,

F. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

CH

September 12, 1923.

The Comptroller General,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith contract entered into by the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York for supplying his institution with window cleaning service for the fiscal year 1924, the same having been duly approved.

I am also enclosing the contract with the National District Telegraph Co. covering service to the Assay Office at New York. This contract has also been duly approved.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Incl: 2

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR

September 12, 1923.

Guaranty Trust Company of New York,
140 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of August 28, relative to proposed coinage for the Venezuelan Government, please be advised that the enclosure received by you from the Banco de Venezuela was forwarded to the Superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia and has been returned by him with the statement that on March 16, 1923, he made a revised estimate of the coinage charges on silver coinage for Venezuela and intended at that time to revise the estimates on their nickel coinage, but failed to do so.

He now states that the new charge for coinage of the five centime piece, weighing 2-1/2 grams, will be $2.00 per 1000 pieces, and for the ten centime piece, weighing 5 grams, $3.25 per 1000 pieces. These charges do not include cost of metal necessary in the coinage, cost of containers for shipping nor master dies or hubs if required, but do include cost of working dies.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR

September 12, 1923.

Mrs. Clem Stottlemyer,
104 N. Jefferson St.
Delphos, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 9, please be advised that there is no place in Washington where tests are made by the Government of different types of stones. I would suggest that you address the National Museum, Washington, D. C. It is possible that you may be able to obtain some information from that branch of the Government service.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

CH

September 12, 1923.

Mr. S. E. Sargent,
Box 746,
Cambria, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the specimen enclosed in your letter of September 3. A visual examination indicates that the material is pyrities, or iron ore. There is no special commercial value.

Respectfully,

Incl:

Acting Director of the Mint.

CR

September 12, 1923.

Mr. E. H. Dennison, Jr.
Plant City, Florida.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith a small sample of a deposit forwarded in your letter of September 8, and have to advise you that the same is quartz and has no commercial value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Incl:

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 13, 1923.

Miss Ethel Grey,
c/o J. W. Alden place,
Dulzura, California.

Dear Miss Grey:

I have to acknowledge your letter of September 8, relative to probable land prospect in California, and suggest that you might obtain some information in regard to this land by addressing the Land Office, Interior Department, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

R. M. S. Bell

Acting Director of the Mint.

CR

September 13, 1923.

Mr. C. H. Edgar,
The Peoples National Bank,
Jackson, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 11, please be advised that the Harding Memorial Medals will be ready about the end of next week. They will be distributed by the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, to whom application should be made. The medal will be sold for One Dollar plus the postage, which is about fifteen cents. The payment should be forwarded with the order to the Superintendent in the form of a money order or cash.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 13, 1923.

Hon. George A. Welsh,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Welsh:

Your letter written to the Director of the Mint in behalf of Miss Helena Smith and recommending her reinstatement to the mint at Philadelphia, was forwarded to the Superintendent of that institution.

As you are probably aware, Miss Smith has been out of the mint service for such a length of time that she is not eligible for reinstatement. It was suggested to the Superintendent that he might be able to give Miss Smith some temporary work, but he reports that he is taking only "the stoutest and strongest men to work in the Melting and Rolling Rooms."

The Superintendent expresses his regret that he can not give a more encouraging response to Miss Smith's application.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR

September 13, 1923.

Mr. Oscar E. Lears,
Saybrook, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Responding to your request of September 11, I have taken pleasure in causing a report of the Director of the Mint to be forwarded to you.

Replying to your inquiry in regard to the commemorative coins, please be advised that the stars were placed on the first 500 coins struck of each issue. This was done at the request of the respective committee on each of the coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 14, 1923

Dr. F. M. Sarfuce,
Bureau of Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to advise that gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of August, 1923, were as follows for the classification indicated:

Unrefined domestic gold-- 99,879.667 fine ounces
" " silver--254,451.69 " "

Respectfully,

M W. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 14, 1923.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to advise that silver receipts of the mints during the month of August, 1923, were as follows, for the classification indicated:

Domestic unrefined bullion	254,451.69
Foreign " "	67,546.94
Foreign silver coin	18,381.59.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 15, 1923.

CR

Mr. Stanley D. Burnham,
83 So. Main St.
Fond du Lac, Wis.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the money order enclosed in your letter of September 12, and have to advise you that the medals are being distributed by the Superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, to which officer the money order should be made payable.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Encl:

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 15, 1923.

Mrs. S. J. Meeks,
P. O. Box 302, Te
Burkburnett, Tex.

Dear Madam:

I am returning herewith the money order enclosed in your letter of September 10, and have to advise you that the medals are being distributed by the Superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, to which officer the money order should be made payable.

Respectfully,

W M Puick,

Encl:

Acting Director of the Mint.

CR

September 17, 1923

Mr. Thos. Dougherty,
Silver Bow, Mont.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of September 6, please be advised that an ounce of pure gold is worth $20.67.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

September 17, 1927

Mr. Carlyle Weiss,
4112 Corliss Ave.
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Responding to your letter of September 6, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a table showing the weights of the different coins.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

Incl:

September 18, 1923

Mr. A. L. McKee,
68 Thomas St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 17, please be advised that the Harding Memorial Medals will be ready within about a week. They will be distributed by the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, to whom application should be made. The medal will be sold for One Dollar plus the postage, which is about fifteen cents. The payment should be forwarded with the order to the Superintendent in the form of a money order or cash.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 18, 1923.

Mr. J. Paul Kauffman,
McVeytown, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 17, please be advised that the Harding Memorial Medals will be ready within about a week. They will be distributed by the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, to whom application should be made. The medal will be sold for One Dollar plus the postage, which is about fifteen cents. The payment should be forwarded with the order to the Superintendent in the form of a money order or cash.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1928.

Mr. Ralph Batt,
P. S. 7 Bronx,
Kingsbridge Ave. & 232 St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 17, please be advised that the Harding Memorial Medals will be ready within about a week. They will be distributed by the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, to whom application should be made. The medal will be sold for One Dollar plus the postage, which is about fifteen cents. The payment should be forwarded with the order to the Superintendent in the form of a money order or cash.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 20, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

There is being forwarded herewith vouchers pertaining to the account of R. J. Grant, Superintendent U. S. Mint at Denver, for the quarter ended June 30, 1923. Will you kindly file them with that account, which was forwarded September 12th.

Respectfully,

Enc.

Director of the Mint.

OR

September 20, 1923.

Mr. Hamilton Foley,
Vanadium Building,
Pittsburgh.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 18, relative to obtaining a copy of the President Harding Medallion to be executed in aluminum, has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia who has been requested to communicate directly with you in regard to the matter.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leeby

Director of the Mint.

OR

September 21, 1923.

Mr. Gordon S. P. Kleeberg,
66 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I am returning the certified check enclosed in your letter of September 18. All medals are distributed by the SUPERINTENDENT, U. S. MINT, PHILADELPHIA, and orders should be sent to that officer. Payment for medals should be made by money order or in cash. The price of one dollar for each medal does not include the cost of mail or express. I would suggest that a large number of medals such as those you desire might be sent by express collect, and the Superintendent should be instructed by you when you place your order.

Regretting that we cannot supply the medals directly from this Office, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:
Check.

CR

September 22, 1923.

Assistant to the
Quartermaster General,
War Department.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint, Philadelphia, has reported to this Bureau that the following goods are on hand at the Quartermaster Intermediate Depot at Philadelphia:

595 yd. brown twill--88x40 - 40" wide,
990 " " drilling-72x54 - 32" " ,
and a large quantity of
O. D. drilling 66x46 - 28" " .

Will you please advise this office of the price at which you could sell the above material to the Mint at Philadelphia for the manufacture of coin bags?

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR

September 22, 1923.

Mr. W. H. Dagley,
117 West 4th St.
Tulsa, Okla.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your check for $1.52 forwarded to pay for a President Harding Medallion. Request for the medal should be sent to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., and should be accompanied by a money order as personal checks are not desirable to the Superintendent.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Incl:

OH

September 22, 1923.

Mr. B. M. Alexander, Pres.,
Laredo National Bank,
Laredo, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 15, requesting to be supplied with certain facts covering imports and exports of gold, either in bars or currency, to Mexico, please be advised that your letter has been referred to the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

CR

September 22, 1925.

Miss M. Carryl Ottmer, Secretary,
The Pan American Society of U. S.
89 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 20, addressed to the U. S. Mint, Washington, D. C., and delivered by the post office to this Bureau, please be advised that if you will address the letter to the Custom Information Exchange, Custom House, New York City, you will be able to procure a daily statement of the value of foreign currencies as certified to the Secretary of the Treasury by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 21, 1923.

The Director
Veterans' Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at New Orleans which is self-explanatory, and also a copy of a letter received by him from your Bureau, regarding the re-wiring of the Mint Building.

The contingent fund allowed to the Mint at New Orleans is now inadequate, and we are not able to assume any expense in connection with the occupancy of the building by another activity. The present arrangement of sharing the cost of the electric lighting of the building appears to this Bureau to be quite equitable, and I should like to conform to the wishes of the Assayer in Charge that the present system of adjusting the account shall remain, particularly in view of the impracticability of more fairly sharing the cost of lighting entrance halls, basement space and other parts of the building now used by both the Mint and the Veterans' Bureau.

With the return of the attached correspondence will you give me an expression of your views.

Respectfully,

September 22, 1923.

The Comptroller General,
General Accounting Office,
Civil Division.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 17, 1923, transmitting a statement of differences pertaining to this Bureau in the account of J. L. Summers, Disbursing Clerk, for the month of February, C1366-T., the following explanation is submitted:

Miss O'Reilly left Washington at 7 p.m., for Philadelphia and had her dinner at 11 o'clock that night after reaching Philadelphia. She was on duty until time to take the train and could not have had her dinner at home. It is not unusual for her to be detained on official business in the Department until long after closing time. This covers the suspended item for February 13.

On February 14th Miss O'Reilly left Philadelphia at 5:15 p. m., and reached Washington about 8:30 p. m. Dinner on the train would appear to be allowable, and this covers the suspended item of $1.20 for that date.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1923.

Chief Clerk,

War Department.

Sir:

Will you please advise this office when we may expect reply to our letter of August 31, copy of which is enclosed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1923.

Mr. W. S. Broher,
Box 27[illegible]
San Fernando, California.

Sir:

I am returning the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays or ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of the material to the Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

F. E. Zachary

Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1923.

Mrs. Viola Mills,
General Delivery,
Roosevelt, L. I.

Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 21, together with the gold nugget referred to. Your deposit has been forwarded to the Superintendent, United States Assay Office, New York City, and that officer has been requested to communicate with you directly regarding the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 25, 1922.

Eduardo Higginson,
Peruvian Consul General,
New York City.

Have delayed answering your telegram for the purpose of thoroughly considering possibility of early coinage for your Government. Will make every effort to do some coinage for you in about a month. Even this dependent upon our overtaking shortage domestic coinage in that time

F. E. Scobey
Director

AL BUSINESS.
VERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. Mint Bureau, 1924.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 616.

September 20, 1923.

OR

Mr. H. W. Tripp, Asst. Treasurer,
The Colonial Trust Company,
Waterbury, Conn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date relative to presidential medals made in the Mint at Philadelphia, please be advised that all of these medals are for sale by the Superintendent of the Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., at $1.00 each plus postage which is 15¢ on each medal. All communications in regard to them should be addressed to that officer. Payment should be made in cash or money order and should accompany the request for the medal or medals.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1923.

OR

Mr. B. F. Horn, Editor,
The Southern Lumberman,
Nashville, Tenn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date relative to presidential medals made in the Mint at Philadelphia, please be advised that all of these medals are for sale by the Superintendent of the Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., at $1.00 each plus postage which is 15¢ on each medal. All communications in regard to them should be addressed to that officer. Payment should be made in cash or money order and should accompany the request for the medal or medals.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

September 25, 1923.

Bunker Hill Smelter,
Paulsen Building,
Spokane, Wash.

Sir:

I have your letter of September 20 concerning difference between deliveries of silver to the San Francisco Mint on account of closing purchases under terms of the Pittman Act, and the quantities of the accepted tenders.

It was recognized at the time closing tenders were being accepted that such tenders were the nearest possible approximations of the quantities of recoverable silver contained in material arriving at reduction works, and that there would necessarily be variations in the quantities which could be delivered thereunder. Acceptances were intended to cover the silver content of such material whether more or less than actually tendered, provided that the variations were within reasonable limits.

It is understood from your letter that you have acted on the above basis and that your actual deliveries have totaled 14,357.15 ounces less than quantities tendered and accepted. Such being the case, no further deliveries by you are contemplated.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint for his guidance.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 27, 1923.

Truesdale, Robinson & Sloan,
57 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

Replying to your letter of September 24 I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1900, and refer you to page 510. I am also forwarding a copy of pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World", issued in 1916. The law to which reference is made in the pamphlet will be found on page 510 of the Report.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1923.

Mr. Richard Rodrian, President,
Rodrian Electro-Metallurgical Co., Inc.,
410 East 32nd St.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of September 15 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention. The letter has been read with interest and has been placed on file in the Department. It is not practical or possible for us to arrange at this time to have a demonstration or experiment made in any of the Assay Offices or Mints.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leahy

Director of the Mint.

OR

September 25, 1923.

Mr. D. C. Vaughan,
Director of Supply;
Bureau of Supply.

Sir:

I have your letter of September 21 advising that the Assayer in Charge of the Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D. cannot dispose of the old Densmore typewriter as old material. As the Assayer in Charge does not need to purchase a new machine is it to be understood that he must retain the old Densmore rather than dispose of it as a useless old machine. The typewriter is evidently completely out of condition and of no use.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 2[illegible], 1923.

Miss Laura B. Kite,
104 W. Main Street,
Johnson City, Tenn.

Madame:

Your letter of September 11 addressed to the Treasury Department, Washington, has been forwarded by the Post Office to this Bureau. The letter states that you are forwarding to the Treasury Department by express 342 ounces of mineral. Please be advised that this material has not reached this office. In case it has not already been sent I would say for your information that there is no place in Washington where the Government analyzes mineral for the public.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1923.

Mr. H. D. Halsey,
638 East 19th St.,
Brooklyn, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 24 please be advised that the Presidential medals are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, for $1.00 each, and postage is 15 cents on each medal. Application for the medals should be addressed to the Superintendent of that institution and cash or a postal money order should accompany your order for the medal or medals. Your check is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1923.

CR

Mr. E. M. Bailey,
Bailey-Bulck Company,
Demopolis, Alabama.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date relative to presidential medals made in the Mint at Philadelphia, please be advised that all of these medals are for sale by the Superintendent of the Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., at $1.00 each plus postage which is 15¢ on each medal. All communications in regard to them should be addressed to that officer. Payment should be made in cash or money order and should accompany the request for the medal or medals. Check is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1923.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

In accordance with directions received from the Secretary of the Treasury on June 28, 1920, I have the honor to submit the monthly estimate of the value of the silver content of the following coins:

British and Hongkong Dollar...	$0.5024
Yuan Dollar.....	.4950

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 27, 1923.

Mr. Jas. H. Dewire,
309 Pine Avenue,
Long Beach, California.

Sir:

Replying to that part of your letter of September 12 relative to obtaining coins of various years from the Mint, please be advised that the mints do not segregate coins by years. I would suggest that you address the Superintendent, United States Mint, San Francisco, relative to securing coins minted during the current year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 27, 1923.

Mr. Frank A. Dupree,

Boaz, Kentucky.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the one cent piece forwarded with your letter of September 21 which you desired exchanged for a coin of the same date in better condition. Please be advised that the Department and the Mints do not keep coins segregated by dates.

The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. I would suggest that you consult a coin dealer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 27, 1923.

Mr. Don P. Reiser,
2208 Whitney Ave.,
Toledo, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 21 please be advised that the five cent piece referred to by you was coined from 1867 to 1883.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 27, 1923.

Mr. H. D. Freeman, General Auditor,
American Railway Express Company,
119 West 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 14, 1923, file 56-CC-4F, regarding bill for $1,376.81, covering shipment under bill of lading 20517, New Orleans to Denver, kindly be advised that same has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for payment. The delay has been due to press of other urgent work.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 28, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In order that the records of this office, pertaining to appropriation transactions during the fiscal year 1923, may be completed, information is requested as to whether the vouchers listed below have been settled, and if so, will you kindly advise number of certificate of settlement and date:

Voucher #3309, forwarded March 10, 1923, amount $193.87, payable from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1923", in favor of the U.S.Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., covering 6 cages for press ratchets.

Voucher #3310, forwarded March 13, 1923, amount $18.25, payable from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923", in favor of the Depot Quartermaster, Philadelphia, Pa., covering purchase of 59 yards ribbon.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 29, 1923.

Mr. Arthur Herrman,
1447 First Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 26 please be advised that the Act of Congress, approved February 2, 1922, authorized the coinage of a Grant memorial gold dollar and a Grant memorial silver half dollar in commemoration of the centenary of the birth of General Ulysses S. Grant, late President of the United States. The coins were designed by Laura Gardin Fraser and the distribution of the coins is in charge of the U.S. Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. It is understood the coins are sold at a premium.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 29, 1923.

Mr. Fred G. Smith,
626 Boulevard,
Westfield, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 24 please be advised that application for the Report of the Director of the Mint should be addressed to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. These reports are for sale at 45 cents a copy.

Medals of the Presidents of the United States from Washington to Harding may be had upon application to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia at $1.00 each, plus 15 cents postage on each medal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 29, 1926.

Mr. Joe A. Pace,

Petal, Mississippi.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the piece enclosed with your letter of September 24 and have to advise that this is not a coin of the United States. It is known as a "token" piece, many of which were issued about the time of the Civil War by individuals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 29, 1923.

Underwood & Underwood, Inc.,
1230 Connecticut Averme,
Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

Please render your account on the enclosed form of voucher. As the pictures are being used in the preparation of official medals the account will be forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia who will remit a check for the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 29, 1923.

Mrs. Shelland,
6442 Georgia Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Shelland:

I am enclosing Bureau of Pensions Form S-R 15. "Application for Payment of Accumulated Deductions". In order that you may receive the money deducted from Mr. Shelland's pay on account of the retirement fund, it will be necessary that you execute pages one and two of this form before a Notary, and then return the form to this office for completion. Upon receipt of the form we will do what we can to expedite payment.

I am enclosing franked envelope for the return of the form.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

September 29, 1923.

Director of Customs,
Treasury Department,
Washington.

Sir:

Please refer to your communication No. 104693 of September 24, 1923, concerning Consular Invoice 4359, dated at Hongkong June 5, 1923.

It is noted that this invoice is in part valued in Hongkong currency, the remainder being valued in Canton currency (not Canton dollars); also that the Consular Certificate carries the notation "I further certify that this invoice is made out in Hongkong and Canton currency (silver)." Claim of the customs brokers that the Canton dollar is 20% lower than the Hongkong dollar is also noted.

Reply of the American Consul in Charge, at Canton, to our annual interrogatory, recently received in this office, carries the statement that "the actual currency is based upon 20% silver coins. Discount as compared with the Hongkong dollar in 1922: highest 1.252; lowest 1.21; average 1.176." Doubtless the lowest and average have been transposed. The interrogatory also carries the statement that "the 20% silver coin is .700 fine and a trifle smaller than the American quarter. There are five coins to the dollar." Other authentic information in this office bears out the statement that the coins below the dollar are .700 fine. The Hongkong dollar is .900 fine. The Yuan dollar .890 fine. Our information is that coins below the dollar are proportionate in weight to the dollar coins. These facts establish an approximate 20% smaller quantity of silver in coins of less value than the dollar, as compared with the silver content of the dollar coins.

No reference is found in recent years, in the monetary data received concerning Chinese currency matters, to a Canton dollar coin.

The Canton 20¢ coin is subsidiary to the Yuan dollar, the face value being 1/5 the face value of the dollar. However, silver coins generally circulate in China in accordance with their silver content rather than at face value; and since Canton currency is based on the 20¢ coin it would appear that the portion of the invoice in question that is valued in Canton currency should be converted to its United States equivalent at a discount of about 21-1/3% on the valuation of the Yuan dollar — fineness .890 - .700 =.190. 190/890 = .21348+ or about 21-1/3%.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1923.

Hon. Lister Hill, M.C.,

Montgomery, Alabama.

Dear Congressman Hill:

Replying to your letter of September 27, in which you refer to the design of the ten cent piece, please be advised that the fasces is a device selected by the artist who submitted the design for this coin. At the time the design of the ten cent piece was to be changed several models were submitted and the one accepted was that recommended by the Fine Arts Commission. The designer of this coin was Mr. Adolph A. Weinman.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1923.

Hon. Robert A. Johnson,
Deputy Master, Royal Mint,
c/o National City Bank,
42nd Street Branch,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

The Hon. F. E. Scobey, who has retired from the position of Director of the Mint, instructed me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 27 and express his regret that he did not have the pleasure of meeting you. He is gratified that your visit to the Mint at Philadelphia proved to be of interest to you.

Mr. Scobey has forwarded your letter to the Curator of the Numismatic Collection now in the National Museum with a view to having that officer communicate with you in London in regard to the exchange of medals.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1923.

Mallinckrodt Chemical Works,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find voucher, in amount $2.90, covering your bill of February 22, 1923, for 5000 grammes Sodium Carbonate C. P. Anhyd. furnished our laboratory, with request that same be signed in place opposite check-mark and returned to this office when it will be immediately passed for payment.

We thank you for calling this to our attention and regret the delay in payment.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Enc:

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1923.

Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find bill of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, N. Y., amounting to $15.00, covering manufacture of 12 sheets platinum. Kindly make payment direct by drawing check to the order of the "Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York."

Respectfully,

W. M. Kelly

Enc.

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1925.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find bill of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., amounting to $225.00, covering manufacture of 150 bronze Internal Revenue badges. Kindly make payment direct by drawing check to the order of the "Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Enc.

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed please find amended smelter's affidavit of the Phelps-Dodge Corporation, Copper Queen Branch, covering 89,507.14 ounces silver. The original affidavit was filed with the accounts of the Philadelphia Mint for the quarter ended June 30, 1923, by the American Smelting & Refining Company on account of the Phelps-Dodge Corporation. It is requested that the enclosed amended affidavit be filed in place thereof.

Respectfully,

W. M. Kirkby

Encl:

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1923.

Director, Bureau of the Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of April 25th, last, there is forwarded herewith tabulation showing the silver quotations for the month of September, 1923:

Average New York quotation
per fine ounce silver.....$0.64529
Bullion value of the silver in a
U.S. standard silver dollar..... 0.49909
Commercial ratio of silver to gold...32.0349.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1923.

Mrs. J. D. Templeton,
Route 2,
Hope, Arkansas.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 24 please be advised that the Department has not compiled the information you ask for. The volume entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia" has much information which would be of interest to you. This volume may be obtained by addressing the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., The book is sold for $1.00 a copy.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1923.

Rear Admiral W. E. Reynolds,
United States Coast Guard,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 24 I beg to state that this Bureau is not interested directly in any of the subjects enumerated. With appreciation of your courtesy in submitting this opportunity to us, however, I am,

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1923.

Mr. John W. Reynolds,
Minahan Building,
Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 19 please be advised that the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, will make assays of ore to determine gold and silver content at a charge of $1.00 and $1.00 each for other metals determined. About five pounds of material should be forwarded in order that a representative assay may be made.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1923.

Mr. F. L. Fink,
1029 Hill Drive,
Garvanza, Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 8 relative to authority for issuing a medal in bronze in honor of General Winfield Scott for victories in the war with Mexico in 1848, please be advised that the Resulution of Congress of March 9, 1848 authorized the striking of a gold medal for General Scott, and it is the practice to make bronze copies of such medals for distribution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1923.

Mr. Elmer Dover,
560 North Cahuenga Avenue,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Dover:

Mr. Scobey handed me your letter of August 20, and in obedience to your request I take much pleasure in forwarding under separate cover a medal of President Wilson and a medal of President Taft.

The engraver is now working on the Coolidge medal and this Bureau will be very glad to advise you when this medal is ready for distribution.

With personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1923.

Mr. T. W. Barr,

Jewett, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Monroe Centennial half dollar is distributed by the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California. These coins cannot be obtained at the Treasury Department or at the Mints. It is understood they are disposed of at a premium.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reich

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1923.

Dr. James D. Miles,
284 Washington St.,
Newton, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 29 please be advised that the United States Assay Office, New York City, accepts gold in the form of dental scrap when a deposit of this material is made in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. The Government does not purchase platinum, nor is an allowance made by the Government when metal is contained in a gold deposit. The gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less a deduction for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

M McKeilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1923.

Mr. D. W. Webb, Executive Secretary,
Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Assn.,
Hurt Building,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 28 please be advised that it would be necessary to secure an Act of Congress to authorize the issue of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation.

Respectfully

F. M. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1923.

Mr. Thomas Burgess,
Route 1, Box 56,
Lamar, Arkansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint is on sale at the office of the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. at $1.00. The 1922 Report is available for distribution, and the Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1923 will be ready late in November.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1923.

Mr. Harold Hammer,
Swift & Company,
Union Stock Yards,
South St. Paul, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 14 please be advised that the act of Congress approved June 1, 1918 authorized the striking of 100,000 pieces of silver half dollars to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the State of Illinois to the Union as a State. The obverse of this coin bears the portrait of President Lincoln. These coins were known as the Illinois Centennial half dollars, and undoubtedly are the coins to which you have reference. I would suggest that you make application to the State Treasurer, State of Illinois, for these coins.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1923.

Mrs. Harry M. Miner,
358 Parkman Ave.,
Los Angeles, California.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 25 please be advised that the following coins were struck in the year 1890:

Gold

Double Eagles, Eagles, Half Eagles, Quarter Eagles.

Silver

Dollars, Half Dollars, Quarters, Dimes.

Minor

Five-cent, One-cent.

The Mints, however, do not keep coins segregated by years.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1923.

Mr. Roland J. Barnard, Auditor,
Kalamazoo City Savings Bank,
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 27 please be advised that this Bureau has no knowledge of a proposed Harding half dollar. You doubtless have reference to the Harding memorial medal which is on sale at the United States Mint at Philadelphia at $1.00. Application for the medal should be made to the Superintendent of that institution and cash or a postal money order should accompany your order. Checks are not acceptable. An additional charge of 15 cents is made on each medal to cover postage.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1923.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am enclosing contract and bond of the Ice Service Company of New York. The contract has been returned to this office by the Secretary's office in order that your endorsement may be attached to the same. You have already approved the bond attached.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1923.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith contract and bond of the New York Linen Supply and Laundry Co., Inc., entered into by the Superintendent, United States Assay Office, New York, for examination as to legal sufficiency in form and execution. The contract bond bears the approval of the Chief of the Division of Appointments, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1923.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am returning herewith contracts entered into by the Denver Mint with the following firms, the contracts having been corrected in accordance with your letter of September 4, 1923:

Colorado Towel and Linen Supply Company
The Western Iron Foundry Company
The Denver Towel and Supply Company
Richard Kell
The General Chemical Company

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1923.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.
(Through Division of Appointments, Treasury Department)

Sir:

I am transmitting herewith for examination as to legal sufficiency in form and execution, contracts entered into by the Superintendent, United States Assay Office, New York, with E. B. Newman and the J. T. Baker Chemical Company. A contract bond accompanies each contract.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1923.

Hon. W. M. Edge,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Edge:

Replying to your letter of October 1, please be advised that the Mint in Philadelphia is not extending the employment of die sinkers or die cutters at this time, as the work in that department is not above normal.

We are required by Civil Service rules to take from the list of eligibles candidates who have passed the required examination for the engraving department of the Mint.

May I suggest that Mr. Habich be advised to communicate with the Civil Service Commission, Washington, as to the prospect of future examinations for kindred positions.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1923.

Mr. E. P. Harker,
Box 192,
Rossford, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 1, 1923, please be advised that the Report of the Director of the Mint is on sale at the office of the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. at $1.00 a copy. The Report for 1922 is now on sale, and the Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1923 will be ready for distribution late in November.

The Department has not under contemplation the issuing of commemorative pieces this year.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1923.

Chief, Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In order that the dies for the Philippine coinage may be delivered to the Mint in Manila by the first of the coming calendar year it will be necessary to instruct the Philadelphia Mint as early as practicable in regard to the denominations of dies required. Will you please advise this Bureau the denomination and number of each you desire to have prepared.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1923.

Mr. Carleton S. Gifford,
340 Commonwealth Avenue,
Boston 17, Massachusetts.

Sir:

Your letter of October 1 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

All of the war medals, orders and decorations - in fact all, as you know, of the numismatic collection formerly in the custody of the United States Mint at Philadelphia - has been turned over to the National Museum. I would suggest that you address a letter to Hon. Charles D. Walcott, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, the officer now having entire jurisdiction over this collection. I am sure you will agree with me that it would be inappropriate for this office to suggest any procedure to the National Museum as we have relinquished all authority over this collection.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1923.

The Nation's Business,
Mills Building,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that Hon. F. E. Scobey resigned as Director of the Mint effective October 1, 1923. Mr. Scobey's copy of "The Nation's Business" should be addressed to him care of the "Scobey Fireproof Storage Company, San Antonio, Texas."

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1923.

The Rotarian,
221 E. 20th St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that Hon. F. E. Scobey resigned as Director of the Mint effective October 1, 1923. Mr. Scobey's copy of "The Rotarian" should be addressed to him care of the Scobey Fireproof Storage Company, San Antonio, Texas.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1923.

Mr. Louis C. George, Asst. Cashier,
Fifth-Third National Bank of Cincinnati,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 1, please be advised that the Harding memorial medal is on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each. Cash or postal money order should accompany your order for the medal or medals, and fifteen cents additional should be added to cover the cost of postage on each medal.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1923.

Mr. E. R. Westerburg,
The National Bank of North Hudson,
West Hoboken, N.J.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your check for $3.00 forwarded with your letter of October 2, and have to advise you that the Monroe Doctrine Centennial Half Dollars are being distributed by the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California, and it is understood that these coins are being distributed at a premium. These coins are not being distributed by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

F M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1923.

Mr. Leonard Magruder,
Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Magruder:

The Supervising Architect promised to undertake the repairing of your office this month. Will you please advise this Bureau if anything has been done.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1923.

Miss Marie Maud Foote,
7529 East End Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of September 27 please be advised that this Bureau has no pamphlets concerning precious metals which are not of a statistical nature, and these would, therefore, be of no interest to you.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1923.

Mr. Melvin Richardson,

Weedsport, New York.

Sir:

I am returning the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, will make assays of ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. About five pounds of material should be forwarded. A visual examination of the material you sumbit would indicate that the same is pyrites and of no commercial value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1923.

Mr. Guy W. Jones,
411 W. Main Street,
Richmond, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date regarding the twenty-cent silver coin of the United States please be advised that this denomination was first issued in 1874 when coins to the amount of $265,598.00 were struck. In 1875 this coinage totaled $5,180, in 1876 $102.00, and in 1877, the last year this denomination was coined, $120.00.

Respectfully,

W. P. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1923.

Rev. Edward R. Kelley,
Methodist Episcopal Church,
Alpaugh, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the coins you describe can be obtained in this country only through coin dealers. The Treasury holds none of these coins.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 4, 1923.

Engineering & Mining Journal-Press,
Tenth Avenue and 36th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Under date of July 9, 1923, this office forwarded you voucher in the sum of $4.00, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, to "Engineering and Mining Journal-Press", with request that same be certified to and returned. This voucher has not been received, to date, and we are now in receipt of statement from you for one year's subscription to above publication, amounting to $5.00. Herewith find voucher covering that amount, with request that same be certified to in place opposite check-mark.

At time original voucher was mailed, the apparent increase in subscription rate was not known, and we will thank you to return original voucher, together with voucher enclosed, and payment will be made.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.

October 4, 1923.

Mr. Arthur Gran,
207 West 25th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 3 please be advised that the medals of all the Presidents of the United States in bronze are for sale by the United States Mint at Philadelphia at $1.00 each. Cash or postal money order should accompany your request to the Superintendent of the above institution for the medals. Fifteen cents additional should be included for each medal to cover postage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 4, 1923.

Mr. A. B. Claflin, Librarian,
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 3 please be advised that the publication entitled "Regulations for the Transaction of Business at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States" is for distribution to officers and employees of the Mint and Assay Service only. No volumes are furnished this office for gratuitous distribution, and I regret that we are not in position to grant your request.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 4, 1923.

Mr. J. Houghton,
c/o Charles S. Holt,
125 Division Ave., S.W.,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 4, 1923.

Mr. John Corso,
431 Park Avenue,
East Orange, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 9 please be advised that $1,000,000 in $20.00 gold pieces can be contained in 10 cubit feet.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 4, 1923.

Mr. Wm. E. Matheson,
Box 496,
Northville, Michigan.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your postal money order for $1.15 to cover one of the Harding memorial medals, and have to advise you that application for the medal should be made to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., and a money order should be made out to that officer, in the above amount.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 4, 1923.

Mr. Edwin E. Hand,
904 East 56th St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 29 please be advised that the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, has been requested to forward to you two of the Harding Memorial medals.

This Bureau publishes no list of coins and medals.

Proof coins are no longer struck by the mints.

The Monroe Doctrine Centennial half-dollar may be obtained from the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California. It is understood these coins are sold at a premium. The Treasury Department does not handle the distribution of these coins.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1923.

Miss Mabel Meriwether,
433 Finley Avenue,
Montgomery, Alabama.

Dear Miss Meriwether:

Replying to your letter of October 2 please be advised that the coin you describe is a half-dime issued in 1795. In the years 1793-1795 these coins were struck to the amount of $4,320.80. I would suggest that you consult a coin dealer relative to its numismatic value. Of course the Government pays no premium on any issue of coin.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1923.

Mr. Carl Philipp Smith,
305½ Fourteenth St.,
Sacramento, California

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint is on sale at the office of the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. at a cost of $1.00 each. This Bureau is furnished with a supply sufficient only to permit of free distribution to libraries and educational institutions.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1923.

Mr. John Hoberg,
2934 John St.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 1 please be advised that the publication entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia" contains a description of all United States coins issued up to the time of its publication, 1914. This book may be obtained upon application to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at a cost of $1.00.

Respectfully,

Wm M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1923.

Mr. T. A. Parks,
290 McDaniel Street,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint is on sale at the office of the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. at a cost of $1.00 each. This Bureau is furnished with a supply sufficient only to permit of free distribution to libraries and educational institutions.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1923.

Miss Eleanore Thompson,
4905 Cuyler Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Miss Thompson:

Replying to your letter of October 3, I regret to advise you that this Bureau issues no pamphlets or illustrations covering the Mints of the United States. The publications of this Bureau are of a statistical nature and there is a strict regulation prohibiting the photographing of coins, machinery or equipment of the Mints.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1923.

Mrs. B. A. West,

Columbus, Pa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 2 please be advised that the Government purchases gold bullion at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, or 24 carat. In order to be acceptable to the Government gold deposits must approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. We have no means of telling the approximate value of the watch case you describe.

Respectfully,

M. McCarthy

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1923.

Mr. J. W. Perry,
Route 1, Box 90,
Alma, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that there is no instrument known to science that will locate buried treasure.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1923.

Mr. W. E. Buffington,
292 Union Street,
Millersburg, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the memorial medal of President Harding may be obtained at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each. Cash or postal money order should accompany your order and should include 15 cents additional to cover the cost of postage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1923.

Chief Coordinator,
General Supply Committee,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Deadwood, S.D., reports that he has on hand a Densmore typewriter which is about 25 years old and which is practically of no value. He states a repair man has offered $5.00 for it which he believes is more than it would be worth to any one else and recommends that this offer be accepted.

The machine is Model No. 1, No. 9449, with upper and lower case.

The Assayer in Charge does not desire to purchase a new machine, so that the sale of this machine cannot be used to apply to the purchase of a new machine. This Bureau believes that the cost of shipping the machine to Washington would exceed its value.

It is recommended that authority be granted to dispose of the old machine to the highest bidder, it being understood that the proceeds will be turned into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt from sale of old material.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1923.

The Secretary,
The Institute of Bankers,
34, Clements Lane, E.C.4.,
London, England.

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgement your letter of September 26, 1923, advising this Bureau that you had not received the copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint forwarded to you on August 7th.

Another copy of the Report for 1922 has been this day placed in the mail and it is hoped the book will reach you promptly.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1923.

Reed & Barton,

Taunton, Mass.

Sirs:

Replying to your letter of October 5, I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922. The Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 1923 will be available for distribution some time in November and your name has been placed on our list to receive a copy at that time.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1923.

Mr. J. P. Voss,

Greybull, Wyoming.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1923.

The Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1923.

Harris & Ewing,
1311 F Street,
Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

I am returning herewith your account amounting to $10.00 covering glossie prints of the President and Mr. Gilbert. Will you please render your account for the President's pictures on the enclosed form of voucher and it will be forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia for payment. I have also to request that you forward an ordinary account against Mr. Gilbert as a personal charge, mailing the same to this Bureau

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1923.

Mr. David T. Blose,
5305 Blair Road,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 4, please be advised that the Monroe Centennial half dollar may be obtained from the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California. The coinage of not more than 300,000 pieces was authorized by the act approved January 24, 1923. It is customary to have memorial coins disposed of at a premium.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 8, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am forwarding herewith for file in your office contracts entered into by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, for the fiscal year 1924, with the following firms:

Colorado Towel and Linel Supply Company
The Western Iron Foundry Company
Richard Kell
The Denver Towel and Supply Company

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am forwarding herewith for file in your office the contract and bond of the New York Linen Supply and Laundry Company entered into by the Superintendent, U.S. Assay Office, New York, for the fiscal year 1924.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 8, 1923.

Mr. George L. Brown,

McCurtain, Oklahoma.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of the material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

W. M. Whitely

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1923.

Montgomery Ward & Co.,
Export Department,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sirs:

Replying to your letter of October 5, please be advised that a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" was mailed to your house, for the attention of the Export Department, on October 5. Undoubtedly this publication has reached you; if it has not please advise this Bureau and another will be forwarded.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1923.

Mrs. William R. Taylor,

Radnor, Pa.

Madam:

Your letter of October 3 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention. The price of silver varies from day to day. It is worth today approximately 64 cents per fine ounce. By sterling silver is meant silver of 925/1000 fine. Pure silver, as you know, is 1000/1000 fine.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1923.

Mr. F. D. L. Smith,
Resources Finance Corporation,
Royal Bank Building,
Toronto, Canada.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 6 please be advised that the same has been referred to the United States Geological Survey, that Service being charged with the duty of compiling statistics of mineral resources of the United States.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1923.

Mr. Joseph Kowalski,
2[illegible] Woodward Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Your letter of October 6 addressed to "The Chief of the U.S. Treasury Department" has been referred to this Bureau for attention. This office has no record of having received the metal which you state was forwarded for assay. Please be advised, however, that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of the material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1923.

Director of Sales,
Room 2506 Munitions Building,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to letter from this Bureau dated September 22, relative to brown twill, brown drilling, and a large quantity of O.D. drilling, please be advised that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has today notified this office by telephone that he would like to procure the following:

595 yards brown twill, 68 x 40 - 40" wide
990 " " drilling, 72 x 54 - 32" wide
15,000 " O.D. drilling 66 x 46 - 26" wide

Respectfully,

R. M. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1923.

Mr. Coleman Frazier,
Box 53,
Mullan, Idaho.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 6 please be advised that the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1923 will be available for distribution some time in November, when it may be obtained upon application to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. at 45 cents a copy. I regret that we are not furnished with sufficient copies of this report to permit of gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

M. H. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1923.

Mrs. Mike Kinzer,
2301 Greenwood Ave.,
Louisville, Ky.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 8 please be advised that the pieces you have reference to are known as "Spiel Markes". They are not coins and the issue of such pieces is illegal.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1923.

Hon. Chas. L. Richards,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Richards:

I have your letter of October 8 stating that you have an inquiry from a constituent who desires to be authorized to lease the mint building at Carson City for the purpose of allowing the lessee to clean up the building in search of lost metallic values. Please be advised that the Department cannot consider such an application. Constant clean-ups are made at the mint to recover any values possibly lost in metallic operations.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1923.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C. (Through Division of Appointments)

Sir:

I am transmitting herewith contracts entered into by the Superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, with the following firms, covering supplies for the fiscal year 1924, for examination as to legal sufficiency in form and execution:

Chalfant and Scott
Daniel J. Grugan
Nicholas J. Frederick Co.
Standard Ice Manufacturing Co.

A bond accompanies each contract.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1923.

Mr. H. E. McFadden, Cashier,
The National Exchange Bank & Trust Company,
Steubenville, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 8 please be advised that an act of Congress would be required before a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation could be issued.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1923.

Mr. Moritz Wormser, President,
The American Numismatic Association.,
95 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wormser:

Replying to your letter of October 10 please be advised that no change has been made in the design of the standard silver dollar and no changes are now under contemplation.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1923.

Mr. W. G. Nelson,
P. O. Box 574,
Cristobal, Canal Zone.

Sir:

I am returning herewith postal money order for $1.12 forwarded by you to cover the cost of two Monroe Doctrine Centennial half dollars. Please be advised that the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California, is the sole distributor of these coins, none being issued by the Treasury Department. It is understood that these coins are disposed of at a premium.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1923.

Mr. A. Aucnly,
921 Haskell Ave.,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the value of the silver contained in our silver dollar is approximately $0.4940.

The gold and silver coinage of the United States is 900 parts pure metal and 100 parts copper.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1923.

Miss Vira Kalivasinska,
2744 N. Troy St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of October 5 please be advised that the Department issues no publication descriptive of the mints. A strict Departmental regulation prohibits the taking of photographs of mint appliances or equipment.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1923.

Mr. Frank L. Watkins,
252 Stark St.,
Portland, Oregon.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your draft for $4.60 forwarded by you to cover two medals of President Washington and President Harding. Please be advised that these medals are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and cash or postal money order should accompany your application to the Superintendent of that institution. Checks are not acceptable.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1923.

Dr. Otto Mikolandu,
1816 Livingston Ave.,
Lorain, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 5 please be advised that the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1923 is now in course of preparation and will be ready for distribution some time in November. The 1922 Report is now available. These Reports may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at 45 cents a copy.

Respectfully,

Jno M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing contract and bond of the Ice Service Company of New York entered into with the Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York. The contract has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and is forwarded to your office for filing.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1923.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,

115 Broadway,

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to advise that silver receipts of the mints during the month of September, 1923, were as follows, for the classification indicated:

Domestic unrefined bullion -	292,657.01	fine ounces.
Foreign " "	88,037.57	" "
Foreign silver coin.	9,622.26	" "

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1923.

Survey of Current Business,

Bureau of Census,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to advise that gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of September, 1923, were as follows for the classification indicated:

Unrefined domestic gold - 105,818.672 fine ounces.
Unrefined domestic silver-292,657.01 " "

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1923.

Mr. F. E. Wormser, Assistant Editor,
Engineering and Mining Journal-Press,
Tenth Avenue at 36th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 9 I am enclosing a copy of the Table of Charges covering the purchase of gold and silver bullion at the Mints and Assay Offices.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1923.

Mr. Lucien J. Cerevin,
506 Stratford Road,
Brooklyn, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of October 9 I take pleasure in forwarding herewith a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint and have placed your name on our mailing list to receive a copy of the forthcoming Report. This is all the data on this subject compiled by the Government.

With reference to your inquiry as to the amount of money coined yearly please be advised that money is coined in accordance with the demand received through the banks.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1923.

Mr. Edwin Klepac,
62 Ninth Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 8 please be advised that the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922 is on sale at the Government Printing Office for 45 cents a copy. The Report for 1923 will be issued some time in November. This office has not sufficient copies of this publication to permit gratuitous distribution except to libraries and educational institutions.

Respectfully,

M. B. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1923.

Mr. V. H. Kriegshaber,
227 Peachtree Street,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your draft for $1.52 forwarded by you to cover the cost of one Harding Medallion. Please be advised that these medallions are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and application should be made to the Superintendent of that institution. Cash or postal money order should accompany your order for the medal or medals, as checks are not acceptable.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 13, 1923.

Mr. L. M. Touve,
313 North Street,
Normal, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Harding medallion is on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, for $1.00. Postal money order or cash should accompany your order for the medal or medals, and 15 cents should be included for postage on each medal. Checks are not acceptable.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 13, 1923.

Mr. Sol Lehrman,
46 East 107 Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 9 I am forwarding herewith a copy of "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World", which is the only literature issued by the Government covering this subject. I would suggest that you might find in any public library a large list of works on finance which would be of greater assistance to you.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 13, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am forwarding herewith for file in your office the contract and bond of the General Chemical Company covering supplies to be furnished the United States Assay Office, New York, during the fiscal year 1924. The contract has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 13, 1923.

Dear Senator Harris:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of October 12, enclosing a communication from Hon. Hollins N. Randolph, President of the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, relative to the coinage of a fifty cent piece for the Association.

Before the Mint could undertake the coinage of a coin of another denomination or design than those now in circulation a special act of Congress would be required. For each of the memorial coins recently issued a special act was passed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. William J. Harris,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

October 15, 1923.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find voucher of the Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Mont., amounting to $280.75, covering fifty per-cent of the expense, incurred during the quarter ended September 30, 1923, on account of water, light and coal for the building used in common by the assay office and the Prohibition Director at Helena, Mont., and paid by the Assayer in Charge.

Kindly cause the amount to be credited to the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at Helena, 1924."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 15, 1923.

Mr. John J. Carey,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Carey:

With reference to voucher submitted by you for reimbursement of traveling expenses incurred during your recent trip to Washington, kindly be advised that hotel charges must be supported by receipted bills (see paragraph 22 of travel regulations) and your voucher will be held in this office pending arrival of hotel receipts to support charges of October 8th and 9th, amounting to $7.00. If receipts were not obtained at time of payment they may be secured by writing the hotel at which you stopped. Your voucher includes, on October 8th, an item of 24¢ for street car fare; 8¢ only is allowable for fare between station and hotel at time of arrival; if the remainder covers other allowable fare under the regulations please advise as to the proper explanation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 17, 1923.

Director, Bureau of Standards,
Interior Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am enclosing copy of letter received this day from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, together with bill of lading No. T 304,205, October 12, 1923, covering one wooden box containing scale weights which the Superintendent requests shall be adjusted and returned to San Francisco as soon as it is convenient for your Bureau to handle them.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1923.

Chief, Division of Printing and Stationery,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing request received from the Collector of Customs, Philadelphia, for fifty copies of the "Values of Foreign Coins" circular for the quarter beginning October 1, 1923, with the request that the Collector be supplied from your stock if practicable.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1923.

Mr. John Dorster,
324 S. Broadway,
Barnesville, Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of October 15 enclosing $1.15 to cover one Harding medallion has been received and forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1923.

Sumpter Valley Smelter Company,

Sumpter, Oregon.

Sirs:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the Office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reily

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1923.

Miss Janet Ross,
4405 Lincoln Ave.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Miss Ross:

Replying to your letter of October 14 please be advised that the Harding medallions are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each. Postal money order or cash should be sent to the Superintendent of that institution and fifteen cents included to cover the postage on each medal.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1923.

Mrs. W. E. Hawkins,

Breckenridge, Texas.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 8 please be advised that the Government purchases scrap gold when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Payment for the same is made at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. The Government is not in the market for silver.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1923.

Mr. Chas. Walberg,
4114 West Fort St.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

I am returning your money order for $6.90 forwarded with your letter of October 10 for six Harding medallions. Please be advised that these medals are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each. Money order or cash should be sent to the Superintendent of that institution, and fifteen cents included to cover the cost of postage on each medal.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1923.

Mr. Jack Neal,
Box 249,
Marlin, Texas.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your check for $1.00, together with stamps, forwarded by you to cover the cost of one Harding medallion. These medals are for sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each, plus 15 cents to cover the cost of postage on each medal. A postal money order or cash should accompany your order to the Superintendent of the above institution. Checks are not acceptable.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Check Accounting Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find cancelled checks numbers 693 and 702, amounting to $442.38 and $272.95, respectively, drawn by Harry H. Stewart, symbol no. 15091, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Deadwood, South Dakota.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Enc.

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division.

Sir:

Herewith find affidavit of a silver producer — The Rochester Silver Corporation — which it is requested be filed with the accounts of M. J. Kelly, Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, for the period April to June, 1923.

The affidavit is intended to replace one which is not in proper form and should be filed with Deposit Certificate No. 574.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc:

October 18, 1923.

Mr. Sam J. Miller,

Gladwin, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Report of the Director of the Mint may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. at 45 cents a copy. This Bureau has not sufficient copies of this publication to permit of gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

Jn M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1923.

Mr. Charles Rossbach,
P.O. Box 1277,
Tacoma, Washington.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your check for $1.52 covering one Harding medallion and have to advise you that these medals are being sold at the United States Mint, Philadelphia. Your application should be addressed to the Superintendent of that institution and should be accompanied by cash or a postal money order. Checks are not acceptable.

Respectfully,

R. McReily

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1923.

Mr. George B. Christian, Jr.,
2640 Connecticut Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Christian:

I have your letter of October 17 enclosing a letter received by you from Mr. Charles D. Wagner relative to procuring a medal of President Harding. The medals are for sale at the Mint in Philadelphia. I regret that we have none of the medals in Washington. Application should be made to the "Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia." The medals are sold for $1.00. Postage is in accordance with the distance from which the medals will be sent, and is nominal, about 15 cents. Should excess postage be sent with the order for the medal it will be returned. Payment should be made by money order or cash.

The orders on hand at the present time for these medals exceed 5000 and it will be obvious to you that some time may be required to reach Mr. Wagner's order.

Mr. Wagner's letter is being returned at your request.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1923.

Mr. John Parke Young,
573 S. Boyle Ave.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 6, please be advised that the mean of the bid and asked New York prices for silver for the dates on which high and low quotations occurred during the calendar years 1921 and 1922 are as below:

High

1921, October 17.....73-13/16¢
1922, May 22.....74-3/16¢

Low

1921, March 5.....53-3/16¢
1922, December 15.....62-7/8¢

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1923.

Bunker Hill Smelter,
Spokane, Washington.

Gentlemen:

Reply to your letter of October 1, concerning quantity of silver deliverable by you on account of sales under the Pittman Act, has been delayed on account of the press of other urgent business.

All acceptances of silver at the time closing tenders were being received were of the silver content of the material which had arrived at silver producing plants, provided that any variations from tendered quantities were within reasonable limits. Your deliveries have been made on this basis and, as stated in letter from this office dated September 25, 1923, no further deliveries by you are contemplated.

Your advice from the superintendent of the San Francisco Mint to the effect that there were still due from you under the Pittman Act, 14,357.15 ounces silver was in error, doubtless due to misunderstanding. Deliveries of smaller quantities than tendered have been the rule with practically all vendors, the variations having been within reasonable quantities.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 19, 1923.

Mr. Martin Feder,
429 St. Clair Street,
Toledo, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 16 this Bureau is forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which gives all the data published by this Department on the production and consumption of gold. A $20.00 gold piece contains exactly $20.00 worth of gold when it leaves the Mint. The gold coins of the United States are 900/1000 fine.

Respectfully,

D M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 19, 1923.

Mr. W. H. Trenchard,
Bard, Imperial County,
California.

Sir:

Your letter of September 29 addressed to the Bureau of Mines and answered in part by the Director of the United States Geological Survey, has been referred to this Bureau.

Replying to that part of your letter which refers to the shortage between production and use, please be advised that this Department has no knowledge of a shortage of gold, the stock in the mints being at all times sufficient to meet the demands of the public.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 19, 1923.

Dear Congressman McFadden:

Confirming telephone conversation with your office yesterday please be advised that an act of Congress is required before special or commemorative coins can be struck by the Mints. After Congress has authorized the coinage of a particular piece it is necessary that the design for the same be submitted to the Fine Arts Commission for approval, after which the design is placed before the Secretary of the Treasury for the approval of that official.

The enabling act usually sets out the number of coins to be struck and designates the agency through which the coins are to be distributed. Memorial coins are not put into general circulation by the mints unless authorized and requested to do so by the distributing agency.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. L. T. McFadden,
Chairman, Committee on Banking and Finance,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

October 20, 1923.

Mr. Geo. E. Ijams,
Acting Director,
United States Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 19 please be advised that your letter of October 11, relative to the plan of paying the cost of electric light bills in the United States Mint building at New Orleans, has been forwarded to the Assayer in Charge. Upon receipt of a reply from him you will be advised.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1923.

U. S. Smelting and Refining Co. Inc.
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

This office appears not to have received any abstracts from your books of account covering silver transactions since you forwarded, on June 14, 1923, schedules in support of tenders to the end of May, 1923. When may we expect to receive the abstracts covering later months?

The schedules forwarded June 14 carry an adjustment of silver stocks on hand as of January 17, 1920, the unrefined stock at Midvale plant being increased by 1983449 ounces over the amount previously reported and the stock at Mammoth plant being increased 3609.54 ounces. Under date of July 7 there was forwarded an amended schedule indicating that the increased amounts at the Mammoth plant consisted of by-products 3472.06 ounces and "miscellaneous adjustment" 137.48 ounces. Would be pleased to receive information as to the form of affidavit you expect to submit as evidencing domestic production of these items. No explanation has been received of the above mentioned increase of stock at Midvale plant.

Reference is made to "Note A" at foot of the amended schedule accompanying letter of June 14, which states that affidavits are not obtainable for 2611.80 ounces. Since affidavits are not obtainable, this quantity should be eliminated from quantity shown on this schedule salable as domestic silver.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1923.

The United Comstock Mines Company,
1213 Hobart Building,
San Francisco, Calif. or
Gold Hill, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (Par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries to the Mint shall have been completed.

Records of this office indicate that your accounts have been rendered to May 20, 1923; also that you have made deliveries of silver of later dates. It is therefore requested that in compliance with the regulations, you submit accounts from the above mentioned date to date of final delivery.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Co.
Tonopah, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (Par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries to the Mint shall have been completed.

Records of this office indicate that your accounts have been rendered to June 30, 1923; also that you have made deliveries of silver of later dates. It is therefore requested that in compliance with the regulations, you submit accounts from the above mentioned date to date of final delivery.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1923.

The Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,
Tonopah, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (Par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries to the Mint shall have been completed.

Records of this office indicate that your accounts have been rendered to June 30, 1923; also that you have made deliveries of silver of later dates. It is therefore requested that in compliance with the regulations, you submit accounts from the above mentioned date to date of final delivery.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1923.

Tonopah Extension Mining Co.
Tonopah, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (Par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries to the Mint shall have been completed.

Records of this office indicate that your accounts have been rendered to June 1, 1923; also that you have made deliveries of silver of later dates. It is therefore requested that in compliance with the regulations, you submit accounts from the above mentioned date to date of final delivery.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 20, 1923.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.,
Tonopah, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (Par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries to the Mint shall have been completed.

Records of this office indicate that your accounts have been rendered to May 31, 1923; also that you have made deliveries of silver of later dates. It is therefore requested that in compliance with the regulations, you submit accounts from the above mentioned date to date of final delivery.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1923.

Sinaloa Exploration & Development Co.
Mogollan, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (Par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries to the mint shall have been completed.

Records of this office indicate that your accounts have been rendered to May 18, 1923; also that you have made deliveries of silver of later dates. It is therefore requested that in compliance with the regulations, you submit accounts from the above mentioned date to date of final delivery.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1923.

O'Connell Mining Company,
Lovelock, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (Par.4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries to the Mint shall have been completed.

Records of this office indicate that your accounts have been rendered to May 26, 1923; also that you have made deliveries of silver of later dates. It is therefore requested that in compliance with the regulations, you submit accounts from the above mentioned date to date of final delivery.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 20, 1923.

Frank Margrave, Receiver
Nevada Packard Mines
Rochester, Nevada

Sir:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (Par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries to the Mint shall have been completed.

Records of this office indicate that your accounts have been rendered to April 30, 1923; also that you have made deliveries of silver of later dates. It is therefore requested that in compliance with the regulations, you submit accounts from the above mentioned date to date of final delivery.

Respectfully,

M McReddy

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Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1923.

Mr. M. M. Fuqua,
Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (Par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries to the Mint shall have been completed.

Records of this office indicate that your accounts have been rendered to July 31, 1923; also that you have made deliveries of silver of later dates. It is therefore requested that in compliance with the regulations, you submit accounts from the above mentioned date to date of final delivery.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1923.

The Copper Chief Mining Co.
Clarkdale, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act. it will be noted (Par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries to the Mint shall have been completed.

Records of this office indicate that your accounts have been rendered to May 31, 1923; also that you have made deliveries of silver of later dates. It is therefore requested that in compliance with the regulations, you submit accounts from the above mentioned date to date of final delivery.

Respectfully,

W. McRae

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1923.

Candelaria Mines Company,
Candelaria, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (Par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries to the Mint shall have been completed.

Records of this office indicate that your accounts have been rendered to June 1, 1923; also that you have made deliveries of silver of later dates. It is therefore requested that in compliance with the regulations, you submit accounts from the above mentioned date to date of final delivery.

Respectfully,

J. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1923.

Bonanza Milling Company,
Tombstone, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (Par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries to the Mint shall have been completed.

Records of this office indicate that your accounts have been rendered to June 30, 1923; also that you have made deliveries of silver of later dates. It is therefore requested that in compliance with the regulations, you submit accounts from the above mentioned date to date of final delivery.

Respectfully,

W McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1923.

Elkoro Mines Company,
Jarbridge, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (Par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries to the Mint shall have been completed.

Records of this office indicate that your accounts have been rendered to June 30, 1923; also that you have made deliveries of silver of later dates. It is therefore requested that in compliance with the regulations, you submit accounts from the above mentioned date to date of final delivery.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 20, 1923.

Tintic Standard Mining Co.
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (Par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries to the mint shall have been completed.

Your accounts for the period to September 30 from April 30, 1923, are now due in this office. Please forward them, also promptly submit similar accounts on the dates due, until final delivery of silver on accepted tenders has been made.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

October 20, 1923.

Henry P. Kervin,
Silver City, Nevada.

Sir:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (Par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries to the mint shall have been completed.

Your accounts for the period to September 30 from July 31, 1923, are now due in this office. Please forward them, also promptly submit similar accounts on the dates due, until final delivery of silver on accepted tenders has been made.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1923.

Consolidated Cortez Silver Mines,
Beowawe, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

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Your accounts for the period to September 30 from May 31, 1923, are now due in this office. Please forward them, also promptly submit similar accounts on the dates due, until final delivery of silver on accepted tenders has been made.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1923.

Arizona Silver Mines Company,
420 Forum Building,
Sacramento, Calif.

Gentlemen:

By reference to supplemental regulations approved May 4, 1923, governing sales of silver to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act, it will be noted (Par. 4) that sworn abstracts from books of account are required for each month until final deliveries to the mint shall have been completed.

Your accounts for the period to September 30 from May 15, 1923, are now due in this office. Please forward them, also promptly submit similar accounts on the dates due, until final delivery of silver on accepted tenders has been made.

Respectfully,

M M O'Neill

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1925.

Mr. Archibald McKinlay,
209 West Lancaster Ave.,
Wayne, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your check for $2.10 and have to advise you that the Harding medallions are on sale by the Superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, for $1.00 each, plus postage, amounting to fifteen cents on each medal. Payment should be made in cash or postal money order, as checks are not acceptable.

Respectfully,

Wm M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1923.

Mr. H. A. Forshag,
Crowley, Louisiana.

Sir:

Your letter of October 15 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The Harding medallions are for sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., for $1.00 each. Application for the same should be made to the Superintendent of that institution and your order should be accompanied by cash or postal money order, and include the cost of postage, 15 cents on each medal. Money order is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1923.

Mr. Charles R. Decker,
R. D. No. 2,
Nicholson, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 16 please be advised that the Philadelphia Mint is handling the orders for Harding medallions as expeditiously as possible. There are approximately six thousand orders on hand at that institution. Your order will undoubtedly be reached within a short time.

Respectfully,

W. H. Raitt

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1923.

Mr. Paul Hemmer,
Huntley, McHenry County,
Illinois.

Sir:

I am returning the coupon forwarded with your letter of recent date to cover one Harding medallion, and have to advise you that application for this medal should be made to the Superintendent, U.S. Mint, Philadelphia. The medal is sold for $1.00, plus 15 cents postage. Payment should be made by cash or postal money order.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 19, 1923.

Mr. J. W. Hoye,

Daniels, W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 15 please be advised that the United States Assay Office at Deadwood will assay material at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold or silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. About five pounds of material should be forwarded in order that a representative assay may be made.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am forwarding herewith the contract and bond of E. B. Newman entered into with the Superintendent, United States Assay Office, New York, to be filed in your office. The contract has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

W. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1923.

George Tiemann Company,
107 East 28th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Will you please quote this Bureau on three pairs of Assayers snips and four pairs of forceps, samples to be submitted by the United States Assay Office, New York.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Q. Acting Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1923.

Mr. A. L. Rutrough,
P. O. Box 65,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Sir:

Your letter of October 16 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention. I am returning the dollar enclosed with your letter and have to advise that the Harding medallions are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, for $1.00 each. I would suggest that you make application to the Superintendent of that institution for the medal and include 15 cents to cover the cost of postage. Payment should be made by cash or postal money order.

Respectfully,

M MacReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1923.

Mr. Jesse D. Romaine,
112 W. Beaver Street,
State College, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 17, please be advised that application for the commemorative coins you refer to should be made as follows:

Illinois half dollar -	State Treasurer, Springfield, Ill.
Maine half dollar -	State Treasurer, Augusta, Maine.
Alabama half dollar -	First National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama.
Missouri half dollar -	Sedalia Bank & Trust Co., Sedalia, Missouri.
Panama-Pacific coin -	Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, Cal.
Grant half dollar -	U.S. Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Harding medallion is sold by the Superintendent, U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00, plus 15 cents for postage. Payment should be made by cash or postal money order.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1923.

Mr. Ira Plumley,
1915 Mosher Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 17 please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send your material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1923.

Mr. Edward F. Willett,
10 South Reunion,
Princeton, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 17 relative to your proposed investigation of the comparative rates of abrasion of silver fractional currency in the United States, I am forwarding a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, which is the only publication issued by the Government covering the coinage. For may years no attempt has been made to estimate the abrasion of coins. Worn and uncurrent subsidiary coins returned to the Treasury are not segregated by years. We have no other figures which would be of assistance to you.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1923.

District of Columbia Library Association,
Committee on Professional Problems,
District of Columbia Public Library,
Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

Referring to your circular letter of October 18 addressed to the "Librarian", please be advised that the library of this Bureau consists of two ordinary bookcases of works on finance and banking. Not more than three or four books are purchased during the year. The library is used by members of this Bureau for reference or research work. Practically no time is spent by any employee on this library other than to keep it in order. Books are not used outside of the library beyond perhaps two or three. The books have no circulation and there is no one employed as Librarian. There is no salary or compensation given for the care of these books, and it would appear consequently that this library does not come under the scope of your inquiry.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1923.

Rev. John Baer Stoudt, Director,
The Huguenot-Walloon New Netherland Commission,
105 East 22nd St.,
New York City.

Sir:

Referring to our letter of April 27, 1923, will you please advise this Bureau what progress is being made on the preparation of the design for the coin to be issued under authority of the Act of February 26, 1923? It is advisable that plenty of time be allowed for the preparation of the design as such matters are not satisfactory when hastily done.

Respectfully,

J. H. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1923.

Mr. D. C. Beyer,
United States Smelting, Refining and Mining Company,
45 Congress Street,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Your letter of October 16 addressed to Mr. Gilbert, who is now in Europe, has been referred to this Bureau. Please be advised that the table recently forwarded to you by Mr. Gilbert was made up in this office.

The information you ask for cannot be supplied by this Bureau for the reason that the records do not go back beyond 1850. I am attaching the information covering the years 1880-1883. Our records, so far as the information you request is concerned, begin July 1, 1880.

Respectfully,

B M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1923.

Mrs. L. M. Hager,
105 West 20th St.,
Erie, Pa.

Madam:

I am returning herewith your money order for $1.53, and have to advise that the Harding medallion is on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each. I would suggest that you make application to the Superintendent of that institution, enclosing cash or money order for $1.15 to cover the cost of the medal and postage.

Respectfully,

W. M. McReily

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1923.

Commissioner of Education,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

This Bureau is returning herewith in blank the circular recently forwarded asking for information relative to the library of this Bureau.

The library of this Bureau would not seem to come within the scope of your inquiry. It is made up of a limited number of books on finance and the production of gold and silver and is used only for reference and research work by the members of this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. McRally

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1923.

Mr. Frank P. Hupe,
Grandview, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 16 please be advised that the mints do not purchase copper, nickel, silver or gold in small quantities.

The bronze coins are made of 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc, and the value of the metals in the coins would be in accordance with the market value of the metals contained. The silver coins are 900 parts pure silver and 100 parts copper. The value of the silver coins would be in accordance with the cost of the metal, which changes every day.

The gold contained in a coin when first leaving the mint is that indicated as its face value; that is, a $5.00 gold piece contains exactly $5.00 worth of gold metal.

There are 371.25 grains of pure silver in a silver dollar, and the gold dollar contains 23.22 grains of pure gold. The amount of metal required to make the silver dollar is practically sixteen times the weight contained in the gold dollar.

Coinage depends on the demand for particular denominations which comes to the Treasury through the banks of the country.

The weight of a five cent piece is 77.16 grains, and that of a one cent piece 48 grains.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1923.

Mr. C. L. Krause,
3615 Chauvenu Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 19 please be advised that the mints no longer make proof coins.

The Annual Report of the Director of the Mint may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for 45 cents a copy. The Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1923 will be available for distribution some time in November.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1923.

Mr. T. Q. Hall, Treasurer,
Security Trust and Savings Bank,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 17 referring to a letter addressed by you to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, and also referring to his letter in which he quotes a letter written by this Bureau under date of July 30, 1923, to the President of the Motion Picture Exposition, Los Angeles, California. The letter from this Bureau to the President of the Motion Picture Exposition stated that the appropriation covering the loss on recoinage, which is an appropriation specially made by Congress for this purpose, is involved in the melting of subsidiary coins. It was not stated that a special appropriation would be necessary for minting and recoinage of these particular coins.

Before taking any definite action on your request I would like to suggest that you confer with the Los Angeles Clearing House Association in regard to the balance of the unsold memorial coins you have on hand. The bill authorizing the issue of these coins provided that the Los Angeles Clearing House Association should receive them from the Mint. It may be that the Los Angeles Clearing House Association would like to offer you some suggestion in regard to the absorbtion of the coins in preference to having them returned for destruction.

I am today advising the Los Angeles Clearing House Association of the receipt of your letter and reply to the same.

Respectfully,

M. McLeelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1923.

The Director of the Mint,

Constantinople, Turkey.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 3, 1923, requesting information covering the coinage and production and consumption of precious metals. In response to your request I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you, through the International Exchange Service, Reports of the Director of the Mint for the years 1917 to 1922 inclusive, and have placed your name on the mailing list to receive a copy of the forthcoming Report to be issued some time late in November.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1923.

Mr. C. G. Abbott,
Asst. Secretary, International Exchange Service,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Director of the Mint, Constantinople, Turkey, six copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint which are being forwarded to you under separate cover.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1923.

Mr. Grosvenor M. Jones,
Chief, Finance and Investment Division,
Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Please accept the thanks of this Bureau for your letter of October 23 calling attention to the report of Mr. C. J. Mayer, your American Trade Commissioner at Latvia, relative to the proposed coinage of silver in the Republic of Latvia. The information is of special interest to the Bureau at this time.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1923.

Mr. W. N. Reedy,
A. and M. Band,
College Station, Texas.

Sir:

Your letter of October 19 addressed to the Treasury Department has been delivered to this Bureau. I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1922, which is the last issued.

The Department does not issue any material covering the description of manufacture of coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1923.

Mrs. Henry R. Jones,
R. 2, Box 544,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 19 I am enclosing a copy of the "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World", which I trust will be of service to you.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1923.

Mr. J. E. G. Clark,
10412 Columbia Ave., N.E.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 20 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. The old records of this Bureau show that $204,791 in silver dollars were coined during the years 1793-1795. The coinage for 1795 is not indicated separately, although it is stated that several types of silver dollars were issued in that year. I am unable to advise you whether or not coin collectors pay a premium on this particular coin. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 156 and 157 Streets, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1923.

Treasurer,
The Pennsylvania Railroad Company,
Broad Street Station,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This office is in receipt of your bill #9,277,248, amounting to $1.21, covering transportation charges on 1 case envelopes from U. S. Envelope Co., Rockville, Conn. to U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., July 26, 1923, via N.Y. N.H. & H. R.R. and Pennsylvania R.R.

Bill in question is accompanied by unaccomplished Government Bill of Lading T-644175. Kindly furnish evidence of delivery (consignee's receipt for goods) in order that bill may be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1923.

Los Angeles Clearing House Association,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

The bill authorizing the issue of the Monroe coins provided they should be delivered by the Mint to your Association for distribution. This Bureau is today in receipt of a communication from the Security Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles stating that they have about $30,000 in these half dollars on hand which they are unable to dispose of. The bank has been advised that the appropriation covering the loss on recoinage, which is a specific appropriation made by Congress for this purpose, is involved in the proposal to return to the mint and melt these unsold memorial coins. The Treasury Department is reluctant to destroy uncirculated coins.

In the case of memorial coins issued for the State of Alabama a similar situation existed. The association having the distribution of the coins in charge finally caused the unsold coins on hand to be distributed to the banks and put in circulation at face value.

Since the Act authorizing the coinage provided that the coins should be issued on your order, this Bureau would be glad to have an expression of your views in regard to the unsold coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1923.

Mr. Jack Vinocur,
Hotel Regis,
Mexico, D. F.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 17 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. The letter "S" indicates that the coin was manufactured at the Mint in San Francisco, and is known as a mint mark.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1923.

Mrs. W. G. Hall,
168 Everett Street,
Laurinburg, North Carolina.

Madam:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay. Please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. A visual examination, however, would indicate that the specimen is largely iron pyrites, which is of no commercial value.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 25, 1923.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

In accordance with directions received from the Secretary of the Treasury on June 28, 1920, I have the honor to submit the monthly estimate of the value of the silver content of the following coins:

British and Hongkong Dollar.	$0.5415
Yuan Dollar.	.5335.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 25, 1923.

Mr. S. P. Panton,
Box 693,
Casper, Wyoming.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 15 please be advised that your name has been placed on our mailing list to receive a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1923. This Report will be available for distribution late in November.

Respectfully,

M McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 25, 1923.

Mr. A. M. Draper, President,
Pacific Platinum Works, Inc.,
814 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 20, 1923, please be advised that the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York, has been requested to notify your concern when platinum is offered for sale by that institution.

Respectfully,

F. McPherson

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 25, 1923.

Mr. F. E. Wormser,
Assistant Editor,
Engineering & Mining Journal-Press,
Tenth Avenue and 36th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 24, and I regret that the Table of Charges was inadvertently omitted from our letter of October 12. I am enclosing the table herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 25, 1923.

Mrs. Melinda B. Tongue,
297 Jackson Street,
Lawrence, Mass.

Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of recent date please be advised that the Harding medallion is on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each. Application should be made to the Superintendent of that institution, and payment should be made by cash or postal money order and include fifteen cents to cover the cost of postage on each medal.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 25, 1923.

Miss Nellie Payne,
3923 West Bell Place,
St. Louis, Mo.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of October 13 I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922, the last issued, which includes a report on the production and consumption of precious metals. These reports are sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for 45 cents a copy. This Bureau has not sufficient copies to make general gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 25, 1923.

Mr. F. N. Irving,
502 Bunn Building,
Waycross, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 15 please be advised that in addition to the coins you mention the following memorial pieces have recently been struck, and may be obtained at the places indicated:

Grant Centennial coins $1.00 gold piece and .50 silver piece	U.S. Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Alabama half dollar	First National Bank, Brimingham, Alabama.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1923.

Mr. C. W. Handy, Vice President,
82 Cedar Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Handy:

Replying to your letter of October 23 please be advised that approximately 5,400,000 ounces of silver purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act remain to be delivered.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

EN:

Washington,

Night

October 25, 1923.

F. W. Smith,
Los Angeles Clearing House,
Los Angeles, California.

Referring letter October twentieth suggest you circularize banks offering coins for circulation at face value .

O'Reilly

Acting Director

BUSINESS.
MENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

October 26, 1923.

Mr. H. P. Caemmerer, Secretary,
Fine Arts Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Caemmerer:

At the request of this Bureau Dr. J. B. Stoudt delivered to you yesterday models for the Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary coin.

It is requested that the Commission advise this Bureau as to the artistic merits of the design before the models are submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury for approval.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

[illegible] Niemann & Company

[illegible] East 29th Street, New York City.

October 26, 1923.

[illegible]atory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Assayer's snips	2	ea.	12.00	24 00
Forceps	2	"	3.00	6 00

Same as samples submitted by New York Assay Office.

M M McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department

Mackall Brothers

October 28, 1923.

625 H Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

4407	Acid, Hydrochloric			
	(a) C.P., 2 cases 6-lb. bottles	2 cases	lb.	.1625
4409	Acid, Nitric			
	(a) C.P., sp., gr. 1.42, 7-lb. bottles	2 cases	lb.	.205

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Mallinckrodt Chemical Works

October 25, 1923.

[illegible]7, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

4297 Sodium Borate (Borax)

	10 kilos.	5 kilos
(a) U.S.P. Pulverized		

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

The Conley Foil Company

511 West 25th Street, New York City

October 25, 1923.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Conley Assay Metal (lead foil)

1 3/8 x 2 1/2 50 lb.

Each sheet to weigh 5 grams. Interleaved with paper so as to prevent edges adhering. To be free from holes, silver, antimony, bismuth and tin.

R M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1923.

Miss Opal Cline,

Yukon, Oklahoma.

Madame:

Replying to your card of October 20 I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922, the last issued, which contains the information you seek.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1923.

Miss Vera Kalwasinska,
2744 N. Troy St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of October 23 please be advised that this Bureau is not in position to waive the regulations prohibiting the taking of photographs of interiors of the Mint buildings, and the Department has not on hand pictures of the outside of the buildings.

I regret that we cannot be of assistance to you.

Respectfully,

D M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1923.

Mr. Herbert J. Kneip, Cashier,
National Commercial Bank and Trust Company,
60 State Street,
Albany, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 23 please be advised that the Mints no longer manufacture proof coins and have not now on hand any sets of proof coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1925.

Miss Stephania Wydyka,
135 Peter Street,
Buffalo, New York.

Madame:

I am returning herewith your postal money order for $1.00, together with five-cent stamp, and have to advise you that the Harding memorial medal is on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each. Application for the same should be addressed to the Superintendent of that institution, and payment should be made by cash or postal money order, and 15 cents included to cover the cost of postage.

Respectfully,

D M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1923.

Editor Eagle Almanac,
Eagle Building,
Brooklyn, New York.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the clipping from the last edition of the Brooklyn Eagle Almanac covering the coinage by the United States Mints, and take pleasure in enclosing a statement of coinage for the fiscal year 1923.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1923.

Mr. Fletcher Cooper, Editor,
The World Almanac,
World Building,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The inquiries contained in your letter of September 25 are answered below:

December 31, 1922.

Coin in the Treasury,	gold.	$307,984,493.
	silver. . . .	386,438,263.
Bullion in the Treasury,	gold. . . .	2,976,440,483.
	silver. . .	29,023,821.
Coin in national banks,	gold	19,054,000.
	silver & minor	37,265,000.
Coin in circulation,.		736,635,497.
Total stock of gold.		3,933,475,615.

June 30, 1923.

Total stock of gold coin and bullion,	4,049,553,748.
Total stock of silver " " " ,	792,041,753.
Per capita amount of gold coin and bullion,	36.39
Per capita amount of silver coin and bullion,	7.12.

Other data usually furnished by this office for the Almanac will probably be available in about four weeks.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1923.

General Accounting Office,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith are amended miners affidavits, totaling 61,067.88 ounces of silver, purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act. These affidavits pertain to deliveries made at the Philadelphia Mint by the United Metals Selling Company during May and June, 1923, and are a part of the totals 4,295,404 and 1,128,601.94 respectively for those months. It is requested that they be placed in their proper position with the accounts referred to above, as substitutes for the corresponding affidavits now on file.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1923.

Mr. F. H. Chaffin,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Chaffin:

Your voucher of September 7th, 1923, amount $2.10, for reimbursement of traveling expenses for the period June 5th to 10th, while on annual settlement at the San Francisco mint has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, approved for payment in the sum of $1.74. Copy of tabulation attached explains method of arriving at amount for which approved.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 26, 1923.

Mr. Rosalie M. Janger,
1 Union Square,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 25 please be advised that we have no copies of the act to which you refer. I would suggest that they can be had at any law library. The Act is dated March 3, 1873 and is entitled "An Act to establish the Custom House valuation of the Soverign or Pound Sterling of Great Britain and fix the power of exchange."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1923.

Director of the Mint

Troemner Co. Wm. Ainsworth & Son, Denver
Voland & Sons, New Rochelle, N.Y.
Christian Becker, New York City.

United StatesMint, San Francisco, California.

Acting Director of the Mint

2 Gold Weight (a shade heavy)

1 Gold Weights (a shade heavy)

1 Milligram Riders (a shade heavy)

PLEASE QUOTE SEPARATELY ON:-

Gold Weights.

Gold plated Weights.

Platinum Weights.

Aluminum Weights.

October 27, 1923.

The Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

The enclosed tender of silver reached the office of the Director of the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923, too late to be received under the Act approved April 23, 1918. It is accordingly returned to you herewith pursuant to the announcement of the Director of the Mint under date of May 29, 1923, that no tenders of silver under the Pittman Act would be received by the Mint after the close of business June 15, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1923.

Mr. Charles G. Dobbins,
637 Willow Avenue,
Knoxville, Tennessee.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 23 in regard to mutilated coins. I would refer you to Section 165 of the Penal Code.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1923.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the contract and bond of the J. T. Baker Chemical Company which were forwarded by you to this office for correction under date of October 15. The required changes have been made and the contract and bond is again submitted for your examination.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 27, 1923.

Honorable Thomas S. Butler,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Butler:

There is enclosed a schedule of the rates of wages paid to the employees of the Mint at Philadelphia. In addition to the rates given the bonus of $240 per annum is paid.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

WAGES ROLL, UNITED STATES MINT, PHILADELPHIA

Position	Per Annum
Assistant Superintendent	$ 3,000
Supt. of Building	1,900
Captain of Watch	1,200
Asst. Capt. of Watch	1,100
Temp. Special Guards	1,200
Skilled Workman	900
Watchmen	900

	Per Diem Range
Foremen	4.25 - 6.00
Asst. Foremen	5.50 - 6.50
Machinists	5.50 - 6.18
Skilled Workmen	4.50 - 6.00
Die Makers	5.50 - 5.75
Electric Melters	5.50
Asst. Electric Melters	5.00
First Asst. Engineer	5.50
Asst. Engineers	5.00
Melters	5.00
Temp. Melters	4.50
Ingot Rollers	4.50 - 5.00
Pressmen	5.00
Oilers	5.00
Counters	4.75 - 5.00
Electricians	5.00
Electric Helpers	5.00
Provers	4.75
Firemen-Engineers	4.50
Annealers	4.50
Firemen	4.00
Helpers	3.75 - 4.50
Temp. Helpers	4.00 - 4.50
Elevator Conductors	4.00
Sewing Women	3.50 - 3.75
Selectors	3.50
Laborers	2.50 - 3.50
Charwomen	2.00
Transfer Engravers	7.00
Assayers Assistants	7.00
Assistant Engravers	7.00
Blacksmiths	6.18
Adjusters of Scales	6.18
Carpenters	6.18
Furnace Builders	6.18
Electricians	6.18
Plumbers	6.18
Asst. Adjusters of Scales	6.18
Machinist-Toolmaker	6.18
Bricklayers	6.18

October 29, 1923.

The Comptroller,

American Smelting and Refining Co.,

120 Broadway,

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The latest abstract from your books of account covering silver transactions, received in this office appears to be that of the month of March, 1923. Will you kindly advise when we may expect to receive abstracts to the end of June, 1923, and also to the end of September, 1923?

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 29, 1923.

Brandt Manufacturing Company,

Watertown, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 20 please be advised that the monetary unit of the Hawaiian Islands is the Dollar of the United States. For information relative to coins in circulation in the Hawaiian Islands other than those of the United States, I have referred your letter to the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

I am forwarding herewith a copy of "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World", and the last issue of the quarterly circular "Value of Foreign Coins."

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 29, 1923.

Mrs. L. F. Riley,
104 W. Columbia St.,
Alliance, Ohio.

Madame:

Replying to your card of October 26 please be advised that the Government does not purchase gold in small quantities. The smallest deposit accepted by the United States Mint at Philadelphia or the Assay Office at New York is a quantity approximating $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 29, 1923.

Mr. J. E. Debnam,
Snow Hill,
North Carolina.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 27 please be advised that the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D C. for 45 cents a copy. That publication, however, contains very limited information relative to dates of coins, mint marks, etc. The publication entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection" is on sale at the Government Prining Office for $1.00 a copy, and this volume may be of service to you.

Respectfully,

Th M Reilly.

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 29, 1923.

Mr. Geo. H. Burton,
Elks Building,
Norfolk, Nebraska.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 24 please be advised that gold scrap in quantities approximating or exceeding $100.00 in value will be received at the Mint. The Government does not purchase platinum and makes no allowance for platinum contained in gold deposits. Platinum should be separated from the gold before it is shipped to the mints as the platinum is not acceptable.

Gold scrap is received at the United States Mint at Philadelphia and at the Assay Office, New York.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 29, 1923.

Bureau of Pensions,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, has requested a copy of "Abstracts of Decisions and Opinions and Rules of Procedure relating to The Retirement Act," by Beach and Andrews. If practicable will you please forward the same to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 28, 1923.

California National Bank,
Long Beach,
California.

Sirs:

Replying to your letter of October 23 please be advised that any number of Harding memorial medals may be obtained from the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. Should a large number be ordered I would suggest that they be sent by express collect. It is estimated that the cost of mailing medals from Philadelphia to California would be about fifteen cents each. Payment should be made to the Superintendent of the above institution by cash or postal money order, as checks are not acceptable.

Respectfully,

Th McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Treasury Department October 30, 1923.

In office of Director of the Mint

10 reams Onion-skin paper	10 reams
Adding machine paper	5 rolls

H. [illegible]

Acting Director
of the Mint.

October 30, 1923.

Mr. James F. Larkin,
1200 So. Millick Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of recent date addressed to the President has been forwarded to this Bureau for attention. Your letter has been placed on file for consideration and reference.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 30, 1923.

Mr. E. H. Frederick,
Administrative Assistant to the Chairman,
United States Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 29 please be advised that the Harding medallion is on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each. Application should be made to the Superintendent of that institution for the medal and payment should be made by cash or postal money order, including fifteen cents to cover the cost of postage.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 30, 1923.

Mr. Fred E. Bihrendt,
Box 140,
Ridgefield, New Jersey.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 29 please be advised that the Harding medallion is on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each. Application should be made to the Superintendent of that institution for the medal and payment should be made by cash or postal money order, including fifteen cents to cover the cost of postage.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 30, 1923.

Mr. W. M. Clark,
Storm Lake,
Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 27 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and no list of coin dealers is published by the Government. I am unable to advise you whether or not the piece you describe has any special value. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Boradway between 156 and 157th Sts., New York City.

Respectfully,

M McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 30, 1923.

Mr. Geo. E. Ijams, Acting Director,
United States Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 19 and to our reply of October 20 relative to the payment by the Veterans Bureau for electric light used in the United States Mint building at New Orleans, this Bureau is today in receipt of a letter from the Assayer in Charge of the New Orleans Mint in which he states that in June last the Veterans Bureau agreed to assume the entire lighting bills in consideration of the service rendered to it in having the use of the building and yard. The Assayer in Charge hopes that this agreement will be approved as the contingent appropriation allowed the United States Mint at New Orleans is very small.

The letter of the Assayer in Charge of September 19, copy of which was forwarded to your Bureau, states that during the past fiscal year the Veterans Bureau accepted and paid the electric light bills for seven months, the Assay Office paying for the remaining five months. He further states that the Veterans Bureau proposed and it was so agreed that they would assume all the lighting bills, and this agreement and understanding was thought settled before the beginning of the current fiscal year.

Will you please advise this Bureau if this arrangement can be determined upon.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 30, 1923.

Mr. John L. Drew,

Lawrenceville, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of the material you describe to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made to determine gold and silver at a charge of $1.00, and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

N. McRaelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 30, 1923.

Mr. G. Pucciarelli,
418 Pauline Ave.,
Muncie, Indiana.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

W. M. A. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1923.

Mr. Harry A. Miller,
Clark University,
Worcester, Massachusetts.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 29 relative to the issue of special coins, please be advised that memorial coins are issued by special act of Congress. The mints are not allowed to issue coins without authority from Congress. The memorial coins are usually placed in circulation through the agency, society, exposition company or memorial committee having in charge the event being commemorated or celebrated. Usually these special acts of Congress carry a provision designating the agency towhich the coins shall be delivered. It is understood when these special issues are authorized by Congress that the coins will be sold at a premium. The proceeds of the sale of such coinsare usually applied to the cost of the celebration. Memorial or special coins are not distributed by the Treasury Department.

The Grant memorial coins were distributed through the U.S. Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Alabama centennial half dollars were sold by the First National Bank of Birmingham, Alabama.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1923.

Mrs. John B. Richardson,

Pinewood, South Carolina.

Madam:

Replying to your card of recent date please be advised that the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals" may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at $1.00 a copy.

Respectfully,

N M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1923.

Mr. G. R. White,
78 South Oakley Ave.,
Columbus, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 27 please be advised that $2.50 gold pieces can be obtained by applying to the Treasurer of the United States, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C. The Department does not keep the coins segregated by years and I am unable to advise you whether you can obtain the pieces requested in your letter. However, application should be made to the above named officer.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1923.

Mr. Albert George,
173 Congress Street,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 29 please be advised that the Harding memorial medal is on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each. Application should be made to the Superintendent of that institution and should be accompanied by cash or postal money order, plus fifteen cents to cover the cost of postage.

Respectfully,

M McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1923.

Mr. Geo. M. Keesee, Cashier,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Richmond, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 30 please be advised that no Harding memorial silver dollars are being issued. A new reverse for the Harding Presidential Medal has been prepared which commemorates the date of his death. This has probably given rise to the impression that a dollar is being issued. The medals are being sold at $1.00, in bronze, and are about three inches in diameter.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1923.

Mrs. Maria L. St. Auge,
566 Del Mar Avenue,
Chula Vista, California.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 24 please be advised that the Government does not redeem coins with holes in them. Coins that are not mutilated are redeemed at face value. I am unable to advise you whether any of the pieces you have are worth more than their face value to coin collectors. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Boradway between 155th and 157th Streets, New York City, giving a list of the coins you have and the dates of each.

Respectfully,

W M McRaulley

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1923.

Mr. M. M. Morely,
Box 114, Millville,
Bay County, Florida.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 27 please be advised that the Government does not purchase sylvanite in the form of ore, and I am unable to advise you where it may be disposed of. I would suggest that you address some well-known smelting or refining company. The following are some of the leading firms:

American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway, New York City.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway, New York City.

United States Smelting Refining and Mining Company,
120 Broadway, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1923.

Mr. A. F. Roedder,
5228 Beacon Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at 45 cents a copy. The 1922 report may now be obtained and the report for 1923 will be ready late in November.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Keefe

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1923.

Mr. L. Pujol,
Juan Clemente Zenea, 89,
Habana, Cuba.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 25 please be advised that the United States Assay Office, New York, will accept jewelers' scrap and pay for the gold and silver contained in it after the same has been melted and assayed and charges are deducted for the work of determining the value of the gold and silver contents. No allowance is made for platinum as the Government does not purchase this metal. The Assay Office is not required to accept material of this nature having a value of less than $100.00.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1923.

Mr. John L. Dibrell, Chief Clerk,
Texas State Prison System,
Criminal Record Department,
Huntsville, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 25 please be advised that the publication entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia" contains the information you desire. This volume may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at $1.00 a copy. I regret that we have no copies for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

N McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1923.

Miss Helen Miller,
Telegraph Road and Pine St.,
Davenport, Iowa.

Madame:

I am returning herewith your postal money order for $1.05 to cover the cost of one Harding memorial medal. Please be advised that the medal in bronze is sold by the Superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., at $1.00 each. Payment should be made by cash or postal money order and should include 15 cents to cover the cost of postage on each medal.

Respectfully,

M. W. Roberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 1, 1923.

Director, Bureau of the Census,

Department of Commerce,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Data on silver for the month of October, as per your letter of April 25, 1923, follows:

Average New York quotation per fine ounce silver.	$0.65928
Bullion value of the silver in a U. S. standard silver dollar.. . . .	0.49444
Commercial ratio of silver to gold. . .	32.3361.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 1, 1923.

Mr. H. A. Finney,
507 South Boulevard,
Evanston, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date I take pleasure in enclosing copy of Circular entitled "Value of Foreign Coins". This circular is issued quarterly. There is no objection to its publication by you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 1, 1923.

Dear Senator Norbeck:

I have your letter of October 29 addressed to Mr. Scobey as Director of the Mint. Mr. Scobey retired from the office of Director of the Mint on September 30.

I have taken pleasure in telephoning to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia today, requesting him to forward to Hon. Jos. S. Gossage of Rapid City, South Dakota, one of the Harding memorial medals. The medal is now on its way to Mr. Gossage. It is not customary to forward these medals until payment is received, but in this case the Superintendent has been requested to forward the medal and the account for the same to Mr. Gossage directly.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Peter Norbeck,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

November 1, 1923.

Dear Senator Norbeck:

I have your letter of October 22 addressed to Mr. Scobey as Director of the Mint. Mr. Scobey retired from the office of Director of the Mint on September 30.

I have taken pleasure in telephoning to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia today, requesting him to forward to Hon. Jos. R. Gossage of Rapid City, South Dakota, one of the Harding memorial medals. The medal is now on its way to Mr. Gossage. It is not customary to forward these medals until payment is received, but in this case the Superintendent has been requested to forward the medal and the account for the same to Mr. Gossage directly.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Peter Norbeck,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

November 1, 1923.

Dear Senator Oddie:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of October 27, 1923, enclosing a letter addressed to the U.S. Mint Bureau, together with one from the American Smelting and Refining Company under date of June 19 last, sent to you by Mr. Herman Reischke of Tonopah, Nevada, relative to a shipment of ore made by him to the American Smelting and Refining Company and to an affidavit which he forwarded with the shipment.

May I suggest that if Mr. Reischke surrendered the affidavit without specification as to the number of ounces and has not received settlement on the basis of the Pittman price he should request the American Smelting and Refining Company to return the affidavit.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Tasker L. Oddie,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

November 1, 1925.

National Watch & Jewelry Company, Inc.,
152h West Adams Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

I am returning under separate cover the frames forwarded with your letter of October 30, and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where such work is done by the Government for the public. I am enclosing a copy of the "Table of Charges" and call your attention to item No. 7. This work may be undertaken by the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, if the business of that office permits, at a charge of $4.00 per piece.

Respectfully,

Dr M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 1, 1923.

General Supply Committee,

Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has made a request for 2,000 of the attached form. Before making this requisition will you please advise me if you desire to have the Mints continue to send in these forms?

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 1, 1923.

Hon. Jos. R. Gossage,

Rapid City, South Dakota.

Sir:

At the request of Hon. Peter Norbeck, United States Senate, this office has today requested the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to forward to you a copy of the Harding memorial medal, and the medal is now on its way to you.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 1, 1923.

Mr. J. H. Kountze,
Kountze Brothers,
New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 30 please be advised that I have taken pleasure in requesting the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office to forward to you four copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1922, and your name has been placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the forthcoming report for the fiscal year 1923.

Respectfully,

W. Yn. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 1, 1923.

Mr. Fletcher Cooper, Editor,

The World Almanac,

Pulitzer Building, Park Row, N. Y.

Sir:

Gold and silver production of the world in 1922, as requested in your letter of October 29, follows:

Gold —	fine ounces	15,440,243.
	value	$319,178,164.
	Per cent of combined production of gold and silver, (by value)	52.8
Silver —	fine ounces	213,541,784.
	commercial value	$145,067,467.
	coining value	276,094,428.
	Per cent of combined production of gold and silver, (by value)	47.2

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1923.

Mr. J. P. McNamus, Asst. Vice-President,
First National Bank of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 31, 1923, and the same has been forwarded to the Superintendent, U.S. Mint Philadelphia, that officer having charge of the distribution of the Harding medallions. The orders for those medals are in excess of six thousand, and requests are being filled in the order of receipt. It is hoped that the medals will reach you at an early date.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1923.

Miss Ruby Everly,
126 Grant Street,
Galion, Ohio.

Dear Miss Everly:

Replying to your letter of October 18 please be advised that the Government does not issue any publication covering the method of coining money. I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922, which may be of service to you.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1923.

Mr. Colston E. Warne,
The University of Chicago,
School of Commerce and Administration,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 30 please be advise that the piece you describe is not a coin of the United States. It is one of many "trade" pieces issued during the Civil War.

Respectfully,

W. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1923.

Mr. Kendric Nichols Marshall,
Rumsey Hall,
Cornwall, Connecticut.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 30 please be advised that over six thousand orders have been received for the Harding medal by the Philadelphia Mint. The requests for medals are being filled in the order in which they were received, and it is hoped that the medal will reach you shortly.

Your letter has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia as a reminder.

Respectfully,

N. M. Reily

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1923.

Harris & Ewing,
1311 F Street,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your voucher for $6.00. Will you please advise this Bureau what photographs this item covers in order that the account may be adjusted.

Respectfully,

F. H. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1923.

Mr. Guy Graves,
Asst. Postmaster,
Tulford, Quebec, Canada

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 31 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and no list of coin dealers is published by the Government. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway, between 156th and 157th Streets, New York.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1923.

Mrs. J. L. Childs,
Box 529,
Balboa, Canal Zone.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 22 please be advised that the old paper money and coins you describe are redeemed at face value by the Government. I am unable to advise you whether or not coin dealers pay a premium for them.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1923.

Mrs. Edward H. Farber,
411 Charlotte Street,
Ashville, North Carolina.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 30 please be advised that the United States Assay Office at New York or the Mint at Philadelphia will purchase old silver when desposits are made in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. The price paid is the market price of silver on the day of deposit, the market price today being approximately 64 cents an ounce. A charge is imposed for melting, refining and assaying the metal to prepare it for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 3, 1923.

National Commercial Bank and Trust Company,
60 State Street,
Albany, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 27 please be advised that the Treasurer of the United States is the officer in charge of the distribution of coins. If you make application to that officer you will be supplied with the available coins.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1923.

Mr. C. C. Schmelz,
111 William Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 31 please be advised that the coins issued in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of General U.S. Grant may be obtained by addressing the U.S. Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1923.

Assistant Cashier,
Federal Reserve Bank,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 27 please be advised that the Harding medallion may be obtained from the Superintendent, U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each. Payment should be made by cash or postal money order and fifteen cents should be included to cover the cost of postage on each medal.

Respectfully,

N. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1923.

Mr. C. E. Curtis, Vice President and Cashier,
The Bank of America,
44 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 31 please be advised that the Harding memorial medal may be obtained from the Superintendent, U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, for $1.00 each. Payment should be made by cash or postal money order and fifteen cents should be included to cover the cost of postage on each medal.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1923.

Miss Bernice Mishler,

Shipshewanna, Indiana.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of October 27 please be advised that the Government never issued a quarter dollar in gold, the smallers denomination ever coined in gold being the dollar. The pieces you refer to were issued by private parties and such issue was illegal. I am unable to advise you whether coin collectors pay a premium for them.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am transmitting herewith for your files contracts and bonds entered into by the Superintendent, United States Assay Office, New York, with the J. T. Baker Chemical Company and Nicholas J. Frederick Company, the same having been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 3, 1923.

Mr. L. C. Langley,

Fredericktown, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 29 please be advised that application for one cent pieces you desire should be made as follows:

1921 - Superintendent, U.S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
1922 - " " " Denver, Colorado.
1923 - " " " Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 8, 1923.

Fruehauff, Robinson & Sloan,
67 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 2, together with the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1900 and pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World". I have placed your name on our mailing list to receive a gratuitous copy of the forthcoming Report which will be issued in about a month.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 5, 1923.

Mr. Sam Oldham,
Star Route,
Dayton, Tennessee.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to state that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

I would suggest that you forward this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. M. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 3, 1923.

Mallinckrodt Chemical Works,

St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your invoice of March 30, 1923, together with Government voucher which I will ask you to kindly execute and return to this Bureau in order that your account may be presented for payment.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

Washington,

November 5, 1923.

F. H. Smith,
Los Angeles Clearing House,
Los Angeles, California.

Act authorizing Monroe coin provided they should be legal tender at face value No special authority required from Department to permit you to dispose of them at face value instead of premium

O'Reilly
Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

November 5, 1923.

Miss Ioel Milliyer,

Mystic, Iowa.

Dear Miss Milliyer:

Replying to your letter of October 31 please be advised that the Government issues no publication regarding the method of coining money. The Annual Report of the Director of the Mint may be had at the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., but this report is of a statistical nature and it is believed would be of no interest to you.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 5, 1923.

Miss Beatrice Albright,
c/o J. Biesmann,
Aldora, Iowa.

Dear Miss Albright:

Replying to your letter of November 1 please be advised that the Government issues no publication regarding the method of coining money. The Annual Report of the Director of the Mint may be had at the Government Prinint Office, Washington, D.C., but this report is of a statistical nature and it is believed would be of no interest to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 5, 1923.

Mr. V. H. Rodgson,

Bryn Athyn, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of November 2 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention. Please be advised that the medals of the Presidents, from Washington to Harding, are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia for $1.00 each, and may be purchased in any number desired. The cost of postage on each medal is fifteen cents. Payment for the medals should be made by cash or postal money order.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 5, 1923.

Miss Cora M. Hill,
627 Hope Street,
Bristol, Rhode Island.

Madame:

I am returning herewith your check for $1.10 to cover the cost of one of the Harding medallions, and have to advise that these medals are sold by the Superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, for $1.00 each. Application should be made to that officer and payment should be made by postal money order or cash, checks not being acceptable. Postage on each medal amounts to fifteen cents and this amount should be included with your remittance.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 3, 1923.

Mr. D. H. Normorthy,
2 Camden Square,
Ramsgate Kent, England.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 23 please be advised that this Government pays only face value for any of its coins, but it is understood that coin dealers pay a small premium for the gold dollar you describe. As this Government does not publish a list of coin dealers I am unable to advise you where to seek the information you request, but I would suggest that you consult one of your local dealers.

Respectfully,

T. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1923.

Miss Lucille Monlan,

Tougaloo, Mississippi.

Dear Miss Monlan:

Replying to your letter of November 1 please be advised that the Government issues no publication covering the method employed in the manufacture of coins. The making of paper money comes under the jurisdiction of the Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 6, 1923.

Mr. O. S. Davis.
901 E. Rio Grande St.,
El Paso, Texas.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the gold scrap forwarded by you. Please be advised that there is no place in Washington where such deposits are received by the Government. I am today forwarding the material to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, and have requested that official to communicate with you directly regarding it. Deposits of this nature of less than $100.00 in value may be refused by the Mints and Assay Offices.

Respectfully,

W. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 6, 1923.

Lakeview Confectionery,
Hennepin Ave. and Lake Street,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your note of November 3 please be advised that the publication entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States" may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for $1.00. This catalogue contains information relative to ancient and modern coins.

Respectfully,

F A McOReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 6, 1923.

Charles Hardy & Ruperti, Inc.,
115 Broad Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknolwedged of the material forwarded by you for assay. I am returning the same under separate cover and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays are made by the Government for the public. The United States Mints and Assay Offices make assays for precious metals but do not undertake the analysis of chemical products. I would suggest that you forward you material to some local chemical laboratory.

This Bureau has no record of having received the letter to which you refer.

Respectfully,

W. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 6, 1923.

Mr. T. H. Wynne,
105 Hill Street,
Griffin, Georgia.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of package forwarded by you containing gold and silver scrap. As there is no place in Washington where this material is accepted by the Government I am forwarding your deposit to the United States Assay Office, New York City, and have requested the Superintendent of that institution to communicate with you directly regarding it.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1923.

Dr. J. Emit Cox,

Coulinga, California.

Sir:

I am returning your check of November 1 for $1.05 forwarded by you to cover the cost of one Harding memorial medal. These medals are on sale at the United States Mint Philadelphia, Pa., and application should be made to the Superintendent of that institution. Payment should be made by postal money order or cash, as checks are not acceptable. Fifteen cents should be included to cover the cost of postage on each medal.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1923.

Mr. Peter Street,

Almond, North Carolina.

Sir:

Your letter of November 2, together with express shipment of ore forwarded by you for assay, has been received. The sample of ore submitted is a Pyrites ore and of no commercial value for it gold which may be present as a trace. As this material is of no value it will not be returned unless specially requested by you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1923.

Mrs. Tillie Pelker,
1239 Indiana Avenue,
Toledo, Ohio.

Madam:

Replying to your note of October 25 please be advised that the metal forwarded by you, which I am returning herewith, is a bronze alloy and is probably worth a few cents per pound.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1923.

Mr. Milton T. Mauck,
928 Harlem Avenue,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 5 please be advised that the Government issues no publication covering coin collections, other than the "Catalogue of Coins Tokens and Medal in the Numismatic Collection" which may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at $1.00 a copy.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1923.

Mr. Milton J. Warner,
734 15th Street,
San Diego, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 31 please be advised that the so-called "Peace Dollar" of 1921 may probably be obtained from the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., although coins are not segregated by that office according to years.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1923.

Mr. W. H. Shannon,
108 Church Avenue,
Highland Park, Mich.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 29, 1923, relative to medals for Indian wars, I would suggest that you make application to the Chief Clerk of the War Department for the medals you desire as this Bureau has no medals answering this description.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1923.

Mr. S. L. Grosser,

Leechburg, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 30 I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 156th and 157th Streets, New York City, for information relative to the value of old coins and paper money in your possession, as this Department has no information regarding the premiums paid by dealers and collectors.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1923.

Mr. L. C. Gulley, Corr. Secty.,
Numismatic Society of Hawaii,
Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1922 and have placed your name on the mailing list to receive a copy of the forthcoming Report. As of possible interest to you there is to be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., a publication entitled "Catalogue of Coins Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection", which sells for $1.00. I regret that we have no copies available for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1923.

General Supply Committee,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York, has requested authority to purchase two typewriter chairs and one adding machine chair. Before authority is given to purchase these chairs will you please advise this Bureau if you have them in surplus available for shipment to the United States Assay Office, New York, and at what price.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1923.

Hon. Eduardo Higginson,
Consul General for Peru,
New York City. Through, Superintendent, U.S. Mint, Philadelphia

Sir:

Referring to the coinage now being executed at the Mint at Philadelphia for your Government, the Superintendent of the Mint reports to this Bureau under date of November 3, the following:

"On February 6th, prior to placing the order by the Peruvian Government for the coinage of 4,000,000 Un Sol pieces, a telegram was received from Consul General Higginson, New York, inquiring whether we would accept their coins a 900 fine for recoinage into coins of 500 in silver

It was presumed the use of their coins of 900 fine in the alloy contemplated viz: 500 silver, 400 copper and 100 nickel for their new coinage, would require to be melted prior to being case into ingots and we quoted the regular melting charge of $1.00 per 1000 ounces and 10 cents for each additional 100 ounces or fraction thereof.

We found after making a few experiments with the debased fineness that we could with safety make up ingot melts directly with their 900 fine coins and have been able to do so since this coinage was started."

In view of the above statement of the Superintendent that he can use 900 fine coin without previously melting the same, the melting charge is waived and the charge for this coinage is amended to read $10.50 per thousand pieces. The charge for melting will not be imposed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 7, 1923.

Mr. H. A. Goldman,
127 Gore Vale Ave.
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Mr. Goldman:

In reply to your letter of November 2, please be advised that this office does not make monthly estimates of the production of gold either in the United States or in foreign countries. A preliminary estimate of domestic production is made at the end of each calendar year and final estimate at a later date.

So far as information is available at present, it is thought that the United States gold production for 1923 will be about the same as for 1922; $48,849,100.

Bradstreets Journal gives Rand gold output for the nine months of 1923 as 6,779,730 ounces;
" " " " " 1922 4,686,763 "
" " " " " 1921 6,020,608 "
" " " " " 1920 6,225,201 " .

This Bureau is not aware of any estimates of world gold production for the calendar year 1923.

Under separate cover is being forwarded you a copy of the "Report of the Director of the Mint" for the year ending June 30, 1922. Your name is being placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the annual report for the year ended June 30, 1923, which will be available for distribution about December 1, next.

Trusting that the above information will be of use to you, I am

Yours respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 8, 1923.

Mr. R. A. Smith, Cashier,
The Bank of Stokes County,
Danbury, North Carolina.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 6 I have taken pleasure in forwarding your name to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, to receive a copy of the 1922 Report of the Director of the Mint, and have placed your name on the mailing list to receive a copy of the Report for 1923.

There is no pamphlet issued by the Government describing the method employed in the manufacture of coins. As of possible interest to you I would suggest that you can obtain from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C., the book entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection", at $1.00 a copy. I regret that we have no copies for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 8, 1923.

Mrs. Harold Green
Route No. 2,
Adams Center, Mass.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 6 please be advised that the piece you describe is not a coin of the United States, and I am unable to advise you whether coin collectors pay a premium for this piece.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 8, 1923.

Mr. K. B. Morgan, Asst. Cashier,
California National Bank,
Long Beach, California.

Sir:

Your note appended to our letter of recent date calling attention to the fact that we did not state the price of the Harding medals has been received. Your draft for $5.00 has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, with the request that four medals be sent to you, that the postage be deducted and the balance returned to you. The medals are sold for $1.00 each.

I regret the oversight in our letter in not stating the rate at which the medals are sold.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 9, 1923.

Mallinckrodt Chemical Works,
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find cash, in amount $0.80, which kindly credit to account of this office on our order dated October 25, 1923, covering 2 boxes, 10 kilos, borax U.S.P. powdered, billed at $2.30. The balance due, $1.50, will be paid by Disbursing Officer's check, which you will no doubt receive within the next few days.

Payment in this manner is due to mistake in not placing order with contractor for the fiscal year 1924; the 80¢ representing difference between amount of your voucher and contract price.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.

November 9, 1923.

Mr. Henry O. Meisel,
U.S. Veterans Bureau Hospital,
Maywood, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your card of November 8 please be advised that the special coins you refer to may be obtained from the places indicated below:

Pilgrim half dollar	National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.
Grant memorial coins	U.S. Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Missouri half dollars	Sedalia Bank and Trust Co., Sedalia, Missouri.
Monroe half dollars	Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California.
Peace Dollars	Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C.

The Harding memorial medal may be obtained from the Superintendent, U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each, and payment for the same should be made by cash or postal money order, including 10 cents to cover postage on each medal.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 9, 1923.

Mr. Orloff McDowell,
1825 Virginia Street,
Mountsville, W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 7 please be advised that the Report of the Director of the Mint may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at 45 cents a copy. This Bureau is not furnished with sufficient reports to permit gratuitous distribution.

I am enclosing a copy of the coinage laws of the United States.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 9, 1923.

Mr. Arthur Mollihan,

Amberg, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 7 please be advised that it is not unlawful for anyone to melt gold or silver coins for personal use, nor is it unlawful to mutilate the coins of the United States provided it is not done with the intent to place such mutilated coins in circulation.

Respectfully,

W. M. Peiller

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 9, 1923.

Col. W. H. Conkling,
Assistant Director, Supply Division,
Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to telephone communication from this office today and also the the visit from the representative of this Bureau in regard to dental scrap now being held at the Veterans Bureau awaiting disposal, I beg to state that if you will forward to this Bureau the material now in the form of sweeps it will be run into a bar in the laboratory of this Bureau and the bar returned to you.

It is further understood that you have on hand a large accumulation of dental scrap which you desire to dispose of. This letter will be authority for you to forward the scrap to the United States Assay Office, New York to be run into a bar, assayed, and the report of the precious metal contents made to you by the New York Assay Office; the bar to be held at that institution until instructions are received for the disposal of the same. It is suggested that the shipment to the New York Assay Office be not made until you have received back from this Bureau the bar from the melting of the sweeps to be sent here.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the New York Assay Office and the Superintendent will be requested in this instance to waive the charges usually imposed for such work.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1923.

Mr. Jacob Johnson,
Hyattville, Wyoming.

Sir:

Your letter of October 27 addressed to the Department of Justice has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Referring to your statement that the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office, Helena, Montana, refused to assay ore for you, please be advised that the assaying of ore is undertaken at the United States Assay Offices only when the regular work of the office will permit. The United States Assay Office at Helena has received such a large amount of bullion which must be melted, assayed and shipped out that it is unable to handle ore assays, and can handle such assays only at such times as the deposits of gold at that office will allow. The officer in charge would be glad to serve you if he had the time and the means of doing so. I regret that you have been caused any inconvenience in the matter.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Assayer in Charge of the Helena office.

Respectfully,

W. W. [illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1923.

Mr. Edw. S. Van Dyck, Pres.
Arizona Silver Mines Company,
420 Forum Building,
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of Abstract from Books of Account for the period May 15, 1923 to September 30 accompanying your letter of October 26, for both of which we thank you.

The abstract rendered shows 15,618.55 ounces silver recovered from ore treated during above period but does not indicate what disposition was made of said silver. Will you kindly supply this information?

If practicable, please forward with above report, abstract from books of account for October.

We would also like to know at this time the probable date by which it will be possible for you to make final delivery on accepted tenders. It is desired to close the transaction as early as possible.

Very respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1923.

Mr. Michael Conway,
229 Conover Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Sir:

Your letter of recent date in reference to a suggestion regarding the manufacture of coins which would prevent counterfeiting has been referred to the Chief of the Secret Service Division of the Treasury Department, that officer having in charge all matters pertaining to the counterfeiting of coins.

Respectfully,

M. McO'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1913.

Miss M. E. Missamore,

Wheatland, California.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of November 4 please be advised that in 1913 there were coined $3,682,961.95 in five cent pieces. That was the first year in which the present type, or "Buffalo" nickel was coined, no Liberty head five cent pieces having been coined in 1913. The Government, of course, pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 9, 1923.

Mr. Coleman Frazier,
Box 53,
Mullan, Idaho.

Sir:

Your letter of November 5 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention. In recent years this Bureau has been allowed only a limited number of reports for gratuitous distribution to libraries and public institutions. We regret that for this reason we are unable to supply you with any recent Reports of the Director of the Mint.

The officer from whom purchase of the Reports is now made is the "Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C." The charge of 45 cents is a nominal one and fixed by that officer.

Respectfully,

R. N. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1923.

Miss Alice Johnson,
2457 Elliot Ave., So.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Miss Johnson:

Replying to your letter of November 7 please be advised that the silver contained in a silver dollar weighs 371.25 grains, that weight being fixed by law. The value of the silver varies each day with the price of silver, which is a commodity the same as any other article of commerce. The price of silver today is about 55 cents an ounce. This would make the value of the silver contents of a silver dollar $\frac{371.25}{480}$ times the price of an ounce of silver.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1923.

Mr. A. Cohen,
[illegible] Parkwood Ave.,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 9 please be advised that the United States Mint, Philadelphia, or the United States Assay Office, New York, purchases scrap gold when deposits of this material are made in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Deposits of less value than $100.00 may be refused. The metal is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce, and a nominal charge is made for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

The Government does not purchase platinum and no allowance is made for platinum contained in gold deposits.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1923.

Mr. Geo. H. Buecking, Vice President,
The Columbia National Bank,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 8 please be advised that the same has been referred to the Treasurer of the United States for reply, that officer having charge of the distribution of all coins from the Mints.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1923.

Dear Congressman Morgan:

Your letter of November 8 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury making inquiry as to how a duplicate of the Harding medal may be procured for Mr. C. W. Grimm, please be advised that if Mr. Grimm will address a request to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, another Harding medal will be sent to him. The medals are made at the Philadelphia Mint and are sold by the above-named officer at $1.00 each, plus postage which is 15 cents on each medal. Payment should be made by postal money order or in cash. The issue of these medals is unlimited.

Respectfully,

M McReily

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Wm. W. Morgan,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
November 12, 1923.

Hon. F. E. Scobey
San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Grant of Denver today named your successor.

O'Reilly

Cont. Dr. Mint Bureau 1923

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR ---------- DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

November 12, 1923.

Comptroller of the Currency,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with request of the Deputy Comptroller, dated November 8, am forwarding herewith, from the advance page proof from the Report of the Director of the Mint, revised table of the world monetary stocks for the calendar year 1921 and preliminary table of the stock for 1922.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint

Enc:

November 12, 1923.

Mr. L. W. Horfecker,
1514 Montana Street,
El Paso, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 8, 1923, please be advised that the publication entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals" has not been revised since 1914, and no new edition of this publication is anticipated.

Proof coins are no longer made by the mints.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1923.

Mr. H. Arthur Engleman,
Franklin Trust Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 9, 1923, please be advised that gold dollars were first coined in 1849. I am unable to provide you with a photograph of the Philadelphia Mint where these coins were first made. If you address the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia he may be able to refer you to a photographer in Philadelphia who will be able to supply you.

Respectfully,

A. Evans

Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1923.

Comptroller of Financial Administration,
Paris, France.

Dear Mr. Comptroller:

In connection with making an estimate of the production of gold and silver in various countries of the world, there has come to attention data which may, or may not, be contradictory.

In your reply dated October 15, 1921 to our questionnaire on monetary matters of France, is found the statement that during the calendar year 1918, France produced 99 kilos of gold and 14,792 kilos of silver. Your reply dated October 27, 1923, to our questionnaire for the year 1922 contains the statement that the production of gold was negligible last year and that of silver very slight, as in preceding years.

Will you kindly favor us with further information - whether the 1918 production was from the mines of France; whether the reported quantities consisted of ores or of actual gold and silver; also whether the quantities reported for 1918 constitute typical yearly production from the mines of France.

Thanking you for your cooperation in connection with our statistical work, I am,

Very respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1923.

Mr. W. H. F. Dement,
The Huntington National Bank,
Huntington, West Virginia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 8 please be advised that the bill authorizing the issue of the Grant memorial coins provided that they should be legal tender for their face value. I am unable to advise you, therefore, how you will be able to dispose of them at a premium.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 13, 1923.

Mrs. Mary A. Nash,
1 Reservoir Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Madam:

I am returning herewith your check for $1.05 forwarded with your letter of November 10 to cover the cost of one Harding Memorial medal. These medals are sold by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, for $1.00 each, and the cost of postage on each medal is 15 cents. Payment should be made by postal money order or in cash.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

DK

November 13, 1923.

Miss Agnes E. Higgins,
3856 Tenth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Miss Higgins:

Replying to your letter of November 12 please be advised that in 1922 there were coined 7,162,000 one cent pieces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 15, 1923.

Mr. Frank Franklin,
702 Michigan Avenue,
Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 10 please be advised that the Department has not under contemplation the issue of a Harding memorial coin. A memorial medal of President Harding, however, is on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and application for the same should be addressed to the Superintendent of that institution. The medals cost $1.00 each, and the postage is 15 cents. Payment should be made by postal money order or in cash.

Respectfully,

A. J. Frank

Director of the Mint.

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November 13, 1923.

Mrs. Fannie Huyler Gray,
33 Howard Avenue,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Madam:

Your letter of November 11 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention. Replying, please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and I can only suggest that you communicate with a coin dealer to obtain the information you desire. A list of coin dealers is not published by this Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1923.

Mr. Edwin McCosh.
218 Fifth Avenue,
Valley City, North Dakota.

Sir:

Your letter of November 10 addressed to the Treasury Department has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The half dollar to which you have reference is the Alabama centennial coin, issued to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of that State to the Union. The distribution of these coins is being handled by the First National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, and application for the same should be made to that institution.

Respectfully,

A. J. Graul

Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1923.

Miss Helen M. Jones,
c/o Mr. Paul Moore,
100 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Jones:

I am returning herewith check enclosed with your letter of November 13 to cover the cost of one Harding Memorial medal, and have to advise that these medals are sold by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, for $1.00 each. Payment should be made to that officer by postal money order or in cash, and fifteen cents should be included to cover the cost of postage on each medal.

Respectfully,

R. L. Graves

Director of the Mint.

OR

November 14, 1923.

Mr. M. I Cabaniss,
305 North Fourth St.,
Newark, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 12 please be advised that one cent pieces to the amount of $71,600 were coined at the United States Mint, Denver, during the calendar year 1922. During the current year there have been coined to date by the Philadelphia Mint $300,000 in one cent pieces. While the mints do not segregate coins according to dates it may be that you will be able to obtain specimens of each year's coinage of one cent pieces by addressing the Superintendents of the respective mints.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November
~~September~~ 16, 1923.

Hon. H. Irving Glover,
Third Assistant Postmaster,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of November 12 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention. The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to make requisition on the Postmaster at Philadelphia for a sufficient supply of appropriate metal tags to be attached to mail pouches carrying valuable mail. The Superintendent has been instructed to notify this office if the Postmaster at Philadelphia is unable to supply him with these address containers in order that requisition may be made upon your Department if necessary.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 15, 1923.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co.

120 Broadway,

New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of November 14, concerning 2611.8 ounces silver received by you during the period January to May, 1920, for which you are unable to procure miner's affidavits, please be advised that the Treasury is not purchasing silver under the Pittman Act which is not duly supported by miner's affidavits.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 15, 1923.

Survey of Current Business,

Bureau of Census,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver receipts, in fine ounces, of the mints during the month of October, 1923, were as follows for the classification indicated:

Unrefined domestic gold -- 89,548.571
" " silver --184,489.92.

Respectfully,

W. M. Kelly

Director of the Mint.

November 15, 1923.

Mr. W. H. Ingalls,

115 Broadway,

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Silver receipts of the mints during the month of October, 1923, were as follows for the classification indicated:

Domestic unrefined bullion	--	184,489.92	fine ounces.
Foreign " "	--	105,896.36	" " .
Foreign silver coin	--	91.81	" " .

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 16, 1923.

Miss Opal Stowes,

Richwood, West Virginia.

Dear Miss Stowes:

Replying to your card of November 16 please be advised that this Bureau issues annually the Report of the Director of the Mint, which publication may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at 45 cents a copy. This report is of a statistical nature and does not cover the history of coinage.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 16, 1923.

Mr. Geo. Zatroch,
1464 Broadway,
Lorain, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 13 please be advised that the special coins are distributed by the agency having charge of the celebration or activity for which the coins were issued and are not distributed by the Treasury Department. The Pilgrim tercentennial coin may be obtained from the National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass. It is understood this coin is sold at a premium.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 16, 1923.

Mr. Edmund W. Hackett, Adjutant,
Lieut. Caldwell Colt Robinson Post, No. 254,
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States,
Hartford, Connecticut.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 14, 1923, enclosing $17.00 and 44 cents in postage stamps, to cover 17 Harding memorial medals.

Please be advised that these medals are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and your letter is being forwarded to the Superintendent of that institution, with the request that the medals be forwarded to you upon receipt of sufficient postage. Fifteen cents postage is required to cover the mailing of each medal.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 16, 1923.

Mr. Edward Knight,
1605 Seventh Avenue,
Troy, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 13 please be advised that the Harding memorial medal is on sale by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., at $1.00. Payment should be made by postal money order or in cash, and should include 15 cents to cover the cost of postage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 15, 1923.

Mr. F. R. Kendrick,

Cisco, Georgia.

Sir:

Your letter of November 12 addressed to the Newspaper Information Service has been left at this office for reply to so much of your inquiry as pertains to coinage. I am returning your letter herewith and have noted thereon the information you desire.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 16, 1923.

Candelaria Mines Company,

Candelaria, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 3, submitting abstract from books of account for June, 1923. It is noted that final delivery on accepted tenders was made during August. When may we expect abstract from your books for period June 30 to date of final delivery?

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 17, 1923.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Girs;

This Bureau is in receipt of your letter of November 2, 1923, relative to the clerical errors in previous advices to this Bureau of unshipped balances of Pittman silver, in which you request permission to file corrected statements. The letter has been placed before the Director of the Mint for consideration upon his return to Washington. The Director is temporarily absent in the West and will be at his desk within ten days when he will be requested to go into the matter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 17, 1925.

Mr. Neil Carothers,
7313 Seventeenth Ave.,
Brooklyn, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 10 please be advised that the provision to which you refer is contained in the Act of June 25, 1860. It will be found in Volume 12 United States Statutes at large, page 110, Section 3.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reily

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 17, 1923.

Mr. W. O. Hart,
134 Carondelet Street,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 14, which was addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to this office for attention, please be advised that the Act authorizing the establishment of the Mint was dated April 2, 1792. In October, 1792, the first coinage was executed at the Mint in Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 1", 1923.

Mrs. M. Gugerson,
160 Seventh Ave.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that no premium is paid for the one cent pieces bearing the initials of the designer, Victor D. Brenner, as 23,000,000 of these coins were placed in circulation. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 17, 1923.

Mr. J. F. A. Langlais,
231 North Queen Street,
Lancaster, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 16 please be advised that the Harding memorial medals are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and application for the same should be made to the Superintendent of that institution. The medals are sold for $1.00 each, and payment should be made in cash or by postal money order, and include 15 cents to cover the cost of postage.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 17, 1923.

Mr. Paul B. Condit,
1455 Williamson Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 15 please be advised that the Harding memorial medals are sold by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each. Application for the medals should be made to that officer and payment for the same should be made in cash or postal money order and include 15 cents to cover the cost of postage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.
Money Order, $1.53.

November 17, 1923.

Mr. J. C. Kuelper,
St. Louis Independent Packing Company,
Chouteau and Tiffany Avenues,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 15, asking for certain coins please be advised that application should be made to the Treasurer of the United States, as that officer is in charge of the distribution of coins.

Respectfully,

Wm. M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 17, 1925.

Mr. J. M. Hacus,
1542 Jefferson Avenue,
Scranton, Pa.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of a gold watch case forwarded by you. As there is no place in Washington where these deposits are accepted by the Government I am today forwarding the case to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, with the request that he communicate with you regarding the same. The Mints are not required to accept deposits of this nature when their value is less than $100.00, but the Superintendent in Philadelphia will be requested in this instance to receive the case.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Treasury Department

November 17, 1925.

An office of Director of the Mint

(a)(2)	(aa) Celluloid angle - tab guides; red				
	1/3 cut, left position only	100	100	9.40	9.40
	Celluloid angle - tab guides; green				
	1/5 cut, center position only	500	100	9.40	20.20
	(jj) Right tab, extra heavy weight folders;				
	manila, 1/3 cut, right position only.	600	100	1.68	10.08
(a)(4)	(bb) Inserts for guides No. A.T. 56; blank				
	For 1/3 cut guides	100	100	.35	.35
	For 1/5 " "	300	100	.35	1.05
	(ss) Gummed labels; white	1000	1000	.50	.50

49.58

A.W. Atwell

Acting Director of Mint.

November 19, 1923.

Mr. I. J. Poley,

Dawson, Ga.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 16 please be advised that all requests for medals erroneously received in Washington were forwarded to the Superintendent, U.S. Mint, Philadelphia. Orders for medals have approached 7,000 and the mint is filling requests for the medals in the order in which they were received. The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been requested to expedite your order as much as possible.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly.

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 19, 1923.

Mr. Raphael Beck,
52 Chippewa Street,
Buffalo, New York.

Sir:

Your letter of July 23, relative to the design for the Monroe Doctrine Centennial half dollar, addressed to the Superintendent, United States Mint, San Francisco, was referred by that officer to this Bureau. Your letter was transmitted by this Bureau to the Commission of Fine Arts, and under date of November 9 a letter was addressed to this Bureau by the Chairman of the Commission of Fine Arts, copy of which I am enclosing for your information.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 19, 1923.

Mr. Louis Harmel,
Pekin Community High School,
Pekin, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 16 please be advised that the only publication covering the subject of silver is that of the Report of the Director of the Mint. This material is largely statistical and has no particular reference to the process used in the refining of the same. The statistics do indicate, however, the amount of silver used in coinage and in the arts. I regret that we have not a sufficient number of these reports to enable us to forward you a gratuitous copy. You can obtain a copy of this Report from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at 45 cents a copy.

The Mints are not in position to supply samples of silver at any time.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 19, 1923.

Mr. J. L. Hays,
2011 Buchanan Street,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Sir:

Your letter of November 10 addressed to Hon. J.W. Byrns has been forwarded by him to this Bureau for attention. Replying to your inquiry, please be advised that the Government does not purchase small quantities of jewelry scrap. It will receive gold jewelry scrap in quantities approximating or exceeding $100.00 in value. No allowance is made for platinum as the Government is not in the market for platinum and purchases none at any of its institutions. If you have a sufficient quantity of gold scrap to approximate $100.00 in value the material should be forwarded to the Superintendent, U.S. Assay Office, New York, N.Y. That officer will melt and assay the material, deducting nominal charges for fitting the same for coinage purposes, and transmit payment to you by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1923.

Dear Congressman Byrns:

I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of letter forwarded this day to Mr. J. L. Mays, whose letter you enclosed in yours of recent date.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Joseph W. Byrns,
House of Representatives,

Nashville, Tennessee.

November 20, 1923.

Mr. W. R. Rogers, Statistician,
Ontario Department of Mines,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 16, 1923, please be advised that the figures contained in the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, as to gold production of the Transvaal for the calendar year 1920, are correct with the exception that the value should be $168,650,191 instead of $166,648,178. It appears that in making this small correction in the revised 1920 production table contained in the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922, the production figures for 1919 were copied instead of the corrected figures for 1920. This difference will be noted for correction in the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924 as it is too late to have it made in the report for the fiscal year 1923, which is now on the press.

Your name is being placed on the mailing list to receive the forthcoming Report and will be continued thereon to receive future Reports of the Director of the Mint. I will be pleased to receive your reports concerning Ontario production.

Respectfully,

M. R. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1923.

Mr. H. P. Beardsall,
Carson Petroleum Company,
Guardian Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your draft for $1.53 and have to advise that the Harding medals are for sale by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each. Application should be made to that officer for the medals, and payment should be made by postal money order or in cash. Fifteen cents should be included to cover the cost of postage on each medal.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1923.

Mr. H. B. Kitchen,

Clifford, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 16 please be advised that the Harding medals are sold by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia. That officer has on hand about 7,000 orders for these medals and they are being filled in the order of their receipt. Your letter has today been referred to the Superintendent.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1923.

Mr. L. L. Franklin,
Vincent Street,
Jackson, Tennessee.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 15 please be advised that the Monroe Doctrine Centennial half dollar may be obtained from the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1923.

Mr. John Gahour,
4445 West 35th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning your check of November 17 for $1.65 and have to advise that the Harding medallion is on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and application for the same should be made to the Superintendent of that institution. Payment for the medal should be made by postal money order or in cash, and should include fifteen cents to cover the cost of postage on each medal. The medal costs $1.00.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1923.

Mr. Gordan Warren,
311 Spellman Street,
Elizabeth City, N.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Government does not purchase Brass, and I am unable to advise you where you can dispose of the old material you describe.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1923.

Miss Elsie Parish,

Wanbay, South Dakota.

Dear Miss Parish:

Replying to your letter of November 15 please be advised that the Government issues no publication covering the operations of the Mints other than the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, which is a statistical nature.

The coinage mints of the United States are located in Philadelphia, Pa., Denver, Colorado, and San Francisco, California.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1923.

Mrs. D. A. Doyle,
Fort and Paris Avenue,
Dearborn, Michigan.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 15 please be advised that the piece you describe is a Trade Dollar. These coins were withdrawn from circulation by act of Congress, which provides for their redemption at face value within one year after the passage of the act. The coins are worth today only the value of their silver content, or from forty-five to fifty cents.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1923.

Miss Iva Archer,

Sloan, Iowa.

Dear Miss Archer:

Replying to your letter of November 17 please be advised that the Government issues no publication covering the coinage mints of the United States other than the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, which is of a statistical nature, and may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at 45 cents a copy.

The coinage mints of the United States are located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reddy

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1923.

Dear Congressman Seger:

Replying to your letter of November 19 I take pleasure in forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for 1922, which gives the coinage by years.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. George N. Seger,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

One cent pieces executed during calendar
year 1922 . . . . . $ 71,600

November 21, 1923.

Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard Service,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am enclosing the medal left at this Bureau to be sent to the mint and repaired. I am also enclosing copy of letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia stating that more secure attachments will be made in joining medals and bars.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

Philadelphia

November 19, 1923.

The Director of the Mint,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

We are returning under separate cover the Coast Guard silver medal, received from you November 16th, which we have repaired.

The Engraver informs me that these medals have been made at the mint for many years and the same thickness of silver wire has always been used for attaching the bar to the medal and this is the first time that a medal has been returned on account of weakness at that point.

In repairing this medal a much heavier wire has been used and in future such attachments will be made in this way.

Respectfully,

Frems Styer
Superintendent.

November 21, 1923.

Miss Gertrude Helmer,
164 Sterling Street,
Watertown, New York.

Madame:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you and have to advise that jewelry scrap is purchased by the Government when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Smaller deposits are not acceptable. There is no place in Washington where such deposits are received. Jewelry scrap, when presented in sufficient quantity, is accepted at the United States Assay Office, Wall Street, New York City, or the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. No allowance is made for platinum.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department

The Brown Instrument Company November 21, 28.

Wayne and Windrim Avenues, Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

12" type "J" Porcelain Protecting Tubes for QH Platinum Rhodium Thermocouples	2	ea. 3.59	7 18

M. MacReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 21, 1923.

Mr. Randolph Payne, President,
Bank of Kingsley,
Kingsley, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 17 please be advised that the $2.50 gold pieces are not being coined, although these coins are current. There is not sufficient demand for this denomination to warrant the execution of any considerable coinage. A short time ago the Federal Reserve Banks in different parts of the country were given a small stock of these coins and I would suggest that you apply to the nearest Reserve Bank for the coins you desire.

Respectfully,

W M Rasley

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 21, 1923.

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Comptroller, American Smelting & Refining Co.
120 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 8 with enclosures, pertaining to abstracts from your books of account of silver transactions under the Pittman Act for the period April to September, 1923, inclusive.

Receipt is also acknowledged of your letter of November 12 with enclosures, pertaining to abstracts from books of account concerning Pittman silver transactions of the Phelps-Dodge Corporation for the period March to September, 1923, inclusive.

Inasmuch as the abstracts concerning the Phelps-Dodge Corporation purport to be, in part, abstracts from their books of account, it is requested that they be supported as to their correctness by affidavit of a representative of the Phelps-Dodge Corporation having knowledge of the facts, in addition to your affidavit pertaining to your contract operations.

Since your reports of Phelps-Dodge silver operations cover only such domestic silver as is eligible for sale to the Government under the terms of the Pittman Act it is essential that complete reports of operations be made, up to the time that sufficient silver for making final deliveries has been refined; otherwise the proper amounts of losses and gains will not be taken into account. These operation reports should consequently extend to some date later than June first.

According to our records the tenders made by you on account of the Phelps-Dodge Corporation were accepted by this Bureau in the following amounts:

May 15, 1923. . . . . 900,000 ounces.
June 19, covering tenders received
June 2, 1923. . . . . 4,830 " .

Please advise if this agrees with your records.

It is noted from your letter that the Phelps-Dodge account includes 82,569 ounces domestic silver for which affidavits were not taken. Further information is desired as to the particular lots of silver, as shown by the reports, for which affidavits were not taken and the reasons for their not having been taken.

The question of the surrender of affidavits representing the quantity of silver lost in operation, also the quantity still deliverable on account of the Phelps-Dodge Corporation, will be further considered upon receipt of the information requested.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 21, 1923.

Hon. Washington Gardner, Commissioner,
Bureau of Pensions,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 19, 1923, relative to the payment of unpaid salary due W. H. Shelland, formerly a clerk in this office, who died August 21, 1923, please be advised that the unpaid salary due Mr. Shelland at the time of his death was paid to the mother, Saran Frances Shelland. The application for the payment of accumulated deductions was filed just prior to the receipt of the unpaid salary, which accounts for the statement in this application that there was unpaid salary due her son at the time of his death.

Respectfully,

N. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 22, 1923.

The Furniture Warehouseman,
National Furniture Warehousemen's Assn.,
1259 Drexel Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that Hon. F. E. Scobey resigned as Director of the Mint on October 1, 1923. "The Furniture Warehouseman" should be addressed to Mr. Scobey at San Antonio, Texas., c/o The Scobey Fireproof Storage Company.

Respectfully,

M. McKeldy

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 22, 1923.

Mr. Ray Newton,
Abbeville Cotton Mills,
Abbeville, South Carolina.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 19 please be advised that this Bureau has no knowledge as to where dirt assays may be obtained. I would suggest that you address the Chief Clerk, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

Ore assays are made by the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 22, 1923.

Mr. James E. Clark, Editor,
The American Bankers Association,
5 Nassau Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 21 I have pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922, on pages 11 and 106 of which you will find tables showing receipts and expenditures of the United States Mint Service for the year 1922. A copy of the 1923 Report will be forwarded to you as soon as it is received from the printer.

You will note that "receipts" include seigniorage on coinage. There is, of course, a large profit on the manufacture of silver and minor coinage.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 22, 1923.

Race and Company,

Hunter, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 17 I am enclosing a circular of the regulations covering the redemption of coins.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 22, 1923.

Mr. A. Leon Baker,
534 S. Lincoln St.,
Bloomington, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 19, the following is descriptive of the general duties of the Director of the Mint:

"The Director of the Mint has general supervision of all the mints and assay offices of the United States. He prescribes rules, to be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, for the transaction of business at the mints and assay offices, receives daily reports of their operations, directs the coinage to be executed, reviews the accounts, authorizes all expenditures, superintends the annual settlements of the several institutions, and makes special examinations of them when deemed necessary. All appointments, removals, and transfers in the mints and assay offices are subject to his approval.

These of the weight and fineness of coins struct at the mints are made in the assay laboratory under his charge. He publishes quarterly an estimate of the value of the standard coins of foreign countries for custom house and other public purposes. An annual report is prepared by the director, giving the operations of the mint service for the fiscal year, printed in the Finance Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, and giving the statistics of the production of the precious metals in the United States and the world for the calendar year."

Respectfully,

Jas M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 22, 1923.

The Manager,
The Canadian Bank of Commerce,
Cobalt, Ontario.

Sir:

Responding to your request of November 19 I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a table showing the production of silver by States for the calendar year 1922.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 23, 1923.

Mr. J. W. Callahan,
2311 Mistletoe Boulevard,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 20 please be advised that gold and silver scrap will be received at the United States Assay Office, New York, when deposits are made in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. The Government does not purchase this material in smaller quantities. The metal is melted and assayed and charges are deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 23, 1913.

Mr. Wm. B. Calhoun,
Drawer J,
Phillipsburg, Mont.

Sir:

Your letter of November 14 addressed to the Director, Geological Survey, has been forwarded to this Bureau, and I have taken pleasure in requesting the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, to forward to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which contains statistics covering the production and consumption of silver.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1923.

Mrs. Maggie Jefferies,
Box 183,
Huntington, Indiana.

Madam:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where such work is done by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1923.

Mr. G. H. Werth,
1584 25th Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the material addressed by you to the United States Assay Office, St. Louis, Mo. That office was closed many years ago. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public, and I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1923.

Mr. Lewis Seigenthaler,
Box 28,
Dunbar, West Virginia.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1923.

West End Consolidated Mining Co.

Tonopah, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to letter of this office dated October 20, last, requesting sworn abstracts from your books of account of silver transactions under the Pittman Act subsequent to June 30, 1923. To date no record is found of your having responded to this request. If these abstracts have not been forwarded, will you please send them at once, making them cover your accounts to the latest practicable date.

Respectfully,

Wm. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1923.

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Tonopah Extension Mining Co,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to letter of this office dated October 20, last, requesting sworn abstracts from your books of account of silver transactions under the Pittman Act subsequent to June 1, 1923. To date no record is found of your having responded to this request. If these abstracts have not been forwarded, will you please send them at once, making them cover your accounts to the latest practicable date.

Respectfully,

Wm O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 24, 1923.

Sinaloa Exploration & Development Co.

Mogollan, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to letter of this office dated October 20, last, requesting sworn abstracts from your books of account of silver transactions under the Pittman Act subsequent to May 18, 1923. To date no record is found of your having responded to this request. If these abstracts have not been forwarded, will you please send them at once, making them cover your accounts to the latest practicable date.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1923.

Henry P. Kervin,
Silver City, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

On October 20, last, this office wrote you requesting sworn abstracts from your books of account of silver transactions under the Pittman Act subsequent to July 31, 1923. To date no record is found of your having responded to this request. If these abstracts have not been forwarded, will you please send them at once, making them cover your accounts to the latest practicable date.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1923.

Frank Margrave, Receiver,

Nevada Packard Mines,

Rochester, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of this office dated October 20, last, requesting sworn abstracts from your books of account of silver transactions under the Pittman Act subsequent to April 30, 1923. To date no record is found of your having responded to this request. If these abstracts have not been forwarded, will you please send them at once, making them cover your accounts to the latest practicable date.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1923.

O'Connell Mining Company,

Lovelock, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to letter of this office dated October 20, last, requesting sworn abstracts from your books of account of silver transactions under the Pittman Act subsequent to May 26, 1923. To date no record is found of your having responded to this request. If these abstracts have not been forwarded, will you please send them at once, making them cover your accounts to the latest practicable date.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1923.

Mr. E. M. Fuqua,

Tonopah, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of this office dated October 20, last, requesting sworn abstracts from your books of account of silver transactions under the Pittman Act subsequent to July 31, 1923. To date no record is found of your having responded to this request. If these abstracts have not been forwarded, will you please send them at once, making them cover your accounts to the latest practicable date.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 24, 1923.

Consolidated Cortez Silver Mines,

Beowawe, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to letter of this office dated October 20, last, requesting sworn abstracts from your books of account of silver transactions under the Pittman Act subsequent to May 31, 1923. To date no record is found of your having responded to this request. If these abstracts have not been forwarded, will you please send them at once, making them cover your accounts to the latest practicable date.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 24, 1923.

Henry Troemmer Company,
911 Arch Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Will you please advise this Bureau if it is your intention to submit a bid covering weights desired by the United States Mint, San Francisco, indicated on the copy of proposal enclosed. Our records show that a proposal covering this material was mailed to you early in November.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1923.

Mr. George Banner,
Box 114,
Miller, Indiana.

Sir:

Your letter of November 14 has been referred to this Bureau for attention. The Government does not pay a premium on any issue of coins, and issues no list of coin dealers. I would suggest that you make inquiries locally with reference to obtaining a catalogue showing the premiums paid for coins.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1923.

Mr. R. W. Hodges,
Box 423, Y.M.C.A.,
Jacksonville, Fla. .

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 14 please be advised that the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint contains a list of the coinage executed by the United States since the opening of the mints. This Report may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at 45 cents a copy.

This Bureau has no information regarding foreign mints.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1923.

Mr. Lancelot H. Hall,
835 Wolfram Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 20, and the same has been forwarded to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, that officer having charge of the distribution of the Harding memorial medals. There are about 7000 orders on hand at the Philadelphia mint for these medals which are being filled in the order of their receipt.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1923.

Mr. Charles Farrand Taplin,
Williamson Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 20 please be advised that application for the Harding memorial medal should be addressed to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia. The medal is sold for $1.00 and payment should be made by postal money order or in cash, and include 15 cents to cover the cost of postage on each medal.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1923.

Dr. D. W. Reddin,

North Baltimore, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your check for $1.53 and have to advise you that application for the Harding memorial medal should be addressed to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia. The medal is sold for $1.00 and payment should be made by postal money order or in cash, and include 15 cents to cover the cost of postage on each medal.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1923.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the contracts and bonds of Daniel J. Grugan, Chalfant & Scott, and the Standard Ice Manufacturing Company, which have been corrected and supplemented as requested in your letter of October 27, 1923.

Respectfully,

F. H. O'Neill

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1923.

Rev. John Baer Stoudt, Director,
The National Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary Commission,
105 East 22nd Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of October 25 submitting a design for the memorial coin authorized by Congress to commemorate the settling of New Netherlands by Walloons under the Dutch West India Company in 1624, please be advised that in accordance with the Executive Order of the President dated July 28, 1921, the models were submitted to the Fine Arts Commission for advice as to their artistic merit. The Executive Order of July 28, 1921, with reference to the submission of coins to that body, reads as follows:

> "It is hereby ordered that essential matters relating to the design of medals, insignia and coins, produced by the executive departments * * * shall be submitted to the Commission of Fine Arts for advice as to the merits of such designs before the executive officer having charge of the same shall approve thereof."

The models have been returned to this Bureau with the following letter from the Fine Arts Commission:

> "The models for the Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary coin, submitted by your Bureau under date of October 26, 1923, received the attention of the Commission of Fine Arts at their meeting on November 15.
> While the ideas intended to be expressed are excellent, the execution is bad. The lettering is poor, the heads are not well modeled and the ship is ill designed. The workmanship is below the standard of excellence attained in previous coins. The models are therefore not approved. The models are herewith returned."

No further action will be taken by this Bureau until advised by you as to what disposition you desire to have made of the models left by you at this Bureau.

Respectfully,

[illegible]

Director

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November 26, 1923.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

In accordance with directions received from the Secretary of the Treasury on June 28, 1920, I have the honor to submit the monthly estimate of the value of the silver content of the following coins:

British and Hongkong Dollar. . . .	$0.5590
Yuan Dollar.	.5508

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

November 26, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

I am enclosing contract entered into by the Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Boise, with the Natatorium Company, for supplying natural hot water for heating the Boise Assay Office during the current fiscal year. This contract has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1923.

Mr. F. M. Smiley,
Apartment 202, The Clermont,
2106 F Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 23 please be advised that the coinage mints are located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco.

I am enclosing a pamphlet which indicates the mint marks found on the coins. Besides the mint mark the initials of the designer are found on the coins.

The $20.00 and $10.00 gold pieces bear the initials of Augustus St. Gaudens. The $5.00 and $2.50 gold pieces bear the initials of Bela Lyon Pratt.

The silver dollar of the old design bears the initials of Mr. Morgan, and the silver dollar of the present design the initials of Mr. de Francisci. The half dollar and dime are the work of Mr. Adolph Weinman, and the quarter dollar the work of Mr. MacNeil. The five-cent piece bears the initials of Mr. Frazer. The one-cent piece of the present design does not bear the initials of the designer.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Farrell

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1923.

Mr. W. O. Hart,
134 Carondelet Street,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 21 in reference to our letter of November 17 I regret that we are unable to find from reference to the old records the exact day upon which coinage begun in the Mint at Philadelphia in October, 1792.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1923.

Mr. Jordan Warren,
311 Spellman Street,
Elizabeth City, N.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 21 I regret that we are unable to use the copper kettle you describe as the Government does not purchase copper in small quantities.

Respectfully,

M. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1923.

Mr. Wm. Culp Brown, Jr.,
738 Columbia Avenue,
Oak Park, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Brown:

At the request of Mrs. Scobey I am forwarding herewith a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World", which will give you a brief history of our coinage. I am also forwarding a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1922, which describes the activities of the Mint Service. These are the only publications we have covering the subject in which you are interested and I hope they will be of service to you.

It is a very great pleasure for this office to do anything to serve Mrs. Scobey.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1923.

Mr. H. D. Corser,
449 Blaine Avenue,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 20 please be advised that your money order for $1.52 forwarded by you to this office for one of the Harding medallions, was forwarded to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia. There are over 7,000 orders for these medals on hand at that Mint which are being filled in the order of their receipt.

Respectfully,

M Morrell

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1923.

Miss A. L. Fraser,
132 Baldwin Avenue,
Royal Oak, Michigan.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of November 23 please be advised that the Government purchases gold scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Smaller quantities are not purchased by the Government. Gold scrap is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce, and charges are deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1923.

Mrs. Frank Nichal,
Box 114.,
Arlington, Iowa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 19 please be advised that the one-cent pieces of 1909 bearing the initials of the designer, Victor D. Brenner, are of no value beyond their face value. Twenty three million one cent pieces bearing the initials V.D.B. were issued in 1909.

Respectfully,

M. McReily

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 25, 1923.

Mr. C. K. Hudson,

Quinton, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Government does not pay a premium for any of its coins. The Government does not publish a list of coin dealers so I am not able to advise you where to make application for the information you desire.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

November 26, 1923.

. D. Gilman,

627 Pennsylvania Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C.

boratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

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	Sodium carbonate in 5-pound containers	25	lb.	.20	5 00

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1923.

Mr. John C. Bolde,
424 Bloomfield Street,
Hoboken, New Jersey.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 24, 1923, together with postal money order in the amount of $3.45, to cover three Presidential medals, one each of Washington, Lincoln and Harding. These medals are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and your letter and money order has today been forwarded to the Superintendent of that institution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1923.

Customs Information Exchange,

New York City.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau understands that a file of your daily circulars of Values of Foreign Currencies is being kept by the Federal Reserve Board. It will, therefore, no longer be necessary to transmit your circular to this Bureau. With appreciation of your courtesy for having done so in the past, I am,

Respectfully,

M. W. McCully

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1923.

Mr. Joseph E. Mattson,

Isanti, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 22 please be advised no Liberty head nickels were coined during the year 1913; all 1913 nickel coinage consisted of Buffalo pieces, to the amount of $3,682,961.95.

1916 Dimes	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Old design	$ 1,849,000	$ 582,000	$ [illegible]
New "	2,218,000	1,045,000	26,400

1916 Quarter Dollars			
Old design	447,000	none	1,635,200
New "	13,000	"	

1909 One-cent pieces			
Indian head	143,706.45	3,090	none
Lincoln -"V.D.B."	279,950.00	4,840	"
" without initials	727,026.18	18,250	"

Respectfully,

M M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1923.

Miss Ruth Merhoff,
1128 E. Broadway,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Miss Merhoff:

Replying to your letter of November 21 please be advised that the Government issues no publication covering the method employed in the manufacture of money.

Coins are struck in response to demands made upon the mints by the banks of the country. There are three coinage mints located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco.

The Annual Report of the Director of the Mint may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for 45 cents a copy. This report covers the operations of the Mints and Assay Offices, and is of a statistical nature.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1923.

Miss Christina Kent,
905 Sixth Street,
Menomoni, Wisconsin.

Dear Miss Kent:

Replying to your letter of November 16, which was addressed to the "Department of Education" and referred to this Bureau for attention, I take pleasure in forwarding herewith a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World".

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1923.

Mr. Max Leo Michelson,
15217 Hamilton Boulevard,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 23 please be advised that no silver dollars were coined from 1904 until 1921. The mints do not keep coins segregated by years, and I am unable to advise you where you might obtain the balance of the coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1923.

Mr. E. T. Kinworthy,
Box 15,
Altus, Arkansas.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1923.

Mr. Fletcher Cooper, Editor,
The World Almanac,
World Building,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

This office is just in receipt of two letters from you, dated November 24, requesting certain data, part of which was asked for in your letter of September 25, and submitted in our letter of October 26, a duplicate of which is herewith enclosed in case you have not received the original.

The other inquiries contained in the above mentioned letters are answered below:

1--The bullion value of 371¼ grains pure silver for 1922....$0.52543.

2--The annual price of silver in London, for 1922:

Low pence	High pence	Aver. pence	Value Dollars	Ratio
37-3/8	30-3/8	34-13/32	0.75403	27.415

3--United States Coinage--Cal. yr. 1922.

Gold.	$80,680.016.
Silver.	84,325,030.50
Minor.	71,600.
Total	$165,076,646.50

It is suggested that if in the future, you will send clippings from the Almanac of items which you desire brought down to date, it would be of assistance to this office in providing the information. At times the basis on which data are prepared changes and with only partial information as to what you wish, it is possible that the information provided may not be on a basis comparable with similar data of prior years.

Respectfully,

Mr. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 28, 1923.

William B. Dana Company,
138 Front Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

In response to your request of November 26 this Bureau takes pleasure in forwarding a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which was released this morning. No formal press statement summarizing the report has been made.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 28, 1923.

Mr. J. J. Nell,

Sweetwater, Oklahoma.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 28, 1923.

Ref. PAC-MO'C-262.
92516-E.

Office of the Chief Inspector,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

Replying to your letter of November 27 enclosing copy of report of Post Office Inspector W. M. Pearson, concerning the Electro-Metallurgical Company of New York, expressing a desire that authority be given to allow a demonstration of certain metallurgical processes to be carried on at the United States Assay Office, New York, please be advised that under date of November 23 the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, Hon. Isaac H. Smith, was advised that this Bureau had no objection to the experiment being made in the laboratory of his institution, if in his judgment it was appropriate, prudent, and justified in the interest of the Government.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 28, 1923.

Mr. Edw. B. Mackie,
Studebaker Corporation,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your check for $1.50 forwarded with your letter of November 26 to cover one Harding memorial medal. Please be advised that these medals are sold by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, for $1.00 each, and application should be addressed to that officer for the medals. Payment should be made by postal money order or in cash and should include 15 cents to cover the cost of postage.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 28, 1923.

Postmaster,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am returning herewith form 6045B, unaccomplished, and have to advise you that the money order to which it refers was received at this office and made payable to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia. The money was sent to pay for two Harding memorial medals. The medals are now being manufactured at the Philadelphia Mint, and the requests for the medals are being filled in the order in which they were received. It is hoped that within a few days Mr. Hambridge's order will be reached and he will receive the medals. The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has acknowledged receipt of this order.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 30, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing contracts and bonds, entered into by the Superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, for the fiscal year 1924, with the following firms:

Standard Ice Manufacturing Company
Chalfant and Scott
Daniel J. Grugan

The contracts and bonds have been approved by the Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 28, 1923.

Miss Bessie Lawson,
Box 26.
Rhodell, West Virginia.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of November 26 I would suggest that you send the pearl you describe to the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. They will probably be able to advise you as to its quality and value.

Respectfully,

W M R Raudy

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 30, 1923.

Office of the Chief Inspector,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of November 28 relative to the experiment which the Post Office Inspector at New York desires to make in the laboratory of the United States Assay Office, I quote the following letter received today from the Superintendent of the Assay Office, which is self-explanatory:

"November 28th, 1923.

"Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of November 23rd, 1923, regarding the posposed investigation of a metallurgical company, after a little further consideration of which I now know will be expected of this office, I feel that no only would our activity in the matter be greatly outside the function of the Assay Office, but we really have not the men or room required for our present business to spare to engage in this particular outside service. I appreciate the desire of the Post Office authorities in their effort to curb and prevent frauds upon the people, and feel inclined to aid them in any possible way, but cannot see a justification in imposing this investigation upon our already overworked assay department. I have so informed Mr. Pierson, Postal Inspector, of our situation, and have bentured the suggestion that perhaps the Bureau of Mines might furnish the assistance in a proper metallurgical investigation and test of the true practical results of the theory advanced by this company. I communicate to you my present judgment in the matter, first because at the outset we did feel inclined and thought we might be able to aid, and second, I understand the inspector has communicated with his superior in Washington recommending that the matter be taken up with the Mint Bureau. Therefore, I felt I ought to inform you of my judgment after further thought and inquiry.

Respectfully,

Isaac H. Smith, Superintendent."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

November 30, 1923.

Mr. F. S. Jolls,
30 West Main Street,
Fredonia, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 22 please be advised that there is no place in Washington where deposits of scrap jewelry are received by the Government. I have today forwarded your package, unopened, to the United States Assay Office, Wall Street, New York, and have requested the Superintendent of that institution to communicate with you with regard to it.

The Government purchases gold scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. The Government does not purchase platinum and no allowance is made for this metal when contained in gold deposits.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 30, 1925.

Comptroller,
American Smelting & Refining Co.
120 Broadway, New York.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to your letter "C" 1505 of November 12, and subsequent correspondence concerning the quantities of silver remaining to be delivered on tenders by you, acting as agent for the Phelps-Dodge Corporation.

In view of the information contained in letters, statements, and supporting documents, and of the fact that miner's affidavits were taken by the Phelps-Dodge Corporation for only the quantity of silver for which payment was made, instead of 100% of the silver content of the material purchased, and of the further fact that the quantity of silver shown to have been recovered materially exceeds the quantity tendered to the Director of the Mint as estimated recoverable silver, this office will not require surrender of affidavits representing the quantity of silver shown to have been lost in operation.

You are therefore authorized to make delivery to the Philadelphia Mint of such quantity of silver, with supporting miner's affidavits, as will bring total deliveries on account of the Phelps-Dodge Corporation, including the quantity furnished the Anaconda Copper Mining Co. with supporting miner's affidavits, up to the total of accepted tenders, 904,850 ounces.

It is requested that any miner's affidavits on hand which are not required for use in supporting the above mentioned sales of silver to the Director of the Mint be forwarded to this office for inclusion in our files with other affidavits surrendered without claim for their use in support of sales.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 30, 1923.

Mr. A. J. Blocher, Vice President,
The Lorain County Savings and Trust Co.,
Elyria, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 28 please be advised that the Harding memorial medal is on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, for $1.00 each. Application for the medals should be made to the Superintendent of the Mint, and payment should be made by postal money order or in cash, and include 15 cents to cover the cost of postage.

Respectfully,

Wm. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 30, 1923.

Miss Louise J. Owen,
42 Court Street,
Binghamton, N.Y.

Dear Miss Owen:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. A visual examination of the stones indicate that they contain pyrites, which is of little or no commercial value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1923.

The Commonwealth Statistician,
"Rialto," Collins Street,
Melbourne, Australia.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward you herewith clipping from the Annual Report of the Director of the United States Mint containing a table relative to the production of gold in the United States in 1922. This is in compliance with your letter of October 9, 1923.

The figures contained in tables accompanying your letter for gold production of United States for prior years appear to be correct.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc:

December 1, 1923.

Dr. A. Piatt Andrew,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Andrew:

Your letter of November 27 addressed to the Secretary relative to obtaining for Mr. Claude Huntress, 8 Dexter St., Haverhill, Mass., one of President Coolidge's medallions, has been forwarded to this Bureau. The model for President Coolidge's medal is now being prepared at the Mint and it is not likely that it will be ready for distribution for several weeks. As soon as the medals are available this Bureau will take pleasure in advising you to that effect.

Very sincerely yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1923.

Hon. W. J. Fowler,
Deputy Comptroller of the Currency,
Treasury Department.

Dear Mr. Fowler:

Thank you for your memorandum of November 26th calling attention to a discrepancy in the monetary stock of Portugal as it appears in the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1923.

The total as carried is correct; the figure for the stock in "banks and public treasuries" should be 9,267, and will be corrected in future publications.

Respectfully,

M. P. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1923.

Director, Bureau of the Census,

Department of Commerce,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Data on silver for the month of November, as per your letter of April 25, 1923, follows:

Average New York quotation per fine ounce silver.	$0.64122
Bullion value of the silver in a U. S. standard silver dollar	0.49594
Commercial ratio of silver to gold.	32.2382.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1923.

J. E. Sasser,
Chief, Supply Division,
U. S. Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

RE: 0.82-AJH-01b

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 28, in which you ask for information as to whether it will be possible for this Bureau to assay two Lingual Bars, please be advised that this Bureau will undertake to determine for you the purity of the gold content only.

Respectfully,

M. McReely

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1923.

Mr. Moritz Wormser,
95 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I regret that I am obliged to return the check enclosed in your letter, covering cost of Harding Medal plus postage. The medals are being distributed by the Superintendent at Philadelphia. Payment should be made by money order made payable to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia. The price of the medal is $1 and the postage approximately 15¢. Should 15¢ be excessive postage, the difference will be returned.

Respectfully,

M McRitchie

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc:

December 1, 1923.

Mr. William J. Stanby,

Vienna, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 30, please be advised that Honorable R. J. Grant is the Director of the Mint in the Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1923.

Mr. J. H. Bunning,

Hotel Colonial Annex,

San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

In response to your request of November 24, this office takes pleasure in forwarding you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1923 which has just been released.

Respectfully,

R. M. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1925.

Mr. Ogden Bigelow,
Assistant Manager Foreign Department,
The Chemical National Bank,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

This letter will confirm telephone communication of this date relative to proposed coinage for the Government of Ecuador in which you were informed that the request for the coinage should come through the State Department from the duly accredited representative of the Government of Ecuador at this capital. It is customary, when application is made for the execution of foreign coin at one of our Mints, for the representative of the foreign country interested to name in his request to the Department of State the agent or Bank authorized to negotiate with the Mint for the coinage.

Before undertaking the coinage the Treasury Department would submit an estimate of the cost of the manufacture of the coins, the cost of the dies, and the cost of packing materials. The cost of the necessary metals would be extra. Ordinarily the metals would have to be delivered to the Mint by the agent, but should it be desired that the Mint make the purchase for the agent this could be done.

Pending the receipt of the formal request for the coinage, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been requested to make an estimate of the cost of manufacturing the coinage, basing his estimate as far as possible on the information contained in your letter, and upon past experience in manufacturing coins for the Government of Ecuador. As soon as this Bureau receives this information it will be transmitted to you.

Respectfully,

R. M. McKelvy

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 3, 1923.

Mr. Ogden Bigelow,
Assistant Manager, Foreign Department,
The Chemical National Bank,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 1 please be advised that this Bureau fully understands your inquiry in regard to coins for Ecuador is merely tentative. No action can be taken by this Bureau in the preparation of coinage until the full formalities referred to in my letter of December 1, 1923, have been complied with.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 3, 1923.

Hon. W. Irving Glover,
Third Assistant Postmaster General,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 1 this Bureau has taken pleasure in requesting the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to make a report upon the nature and carbon contents of the steel used in making dies for stamped envelopes. As soon as the information is received it will be transmitted to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 3, 1923.

The Director
Bureau of Standards,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

This Bureau is forwarding today, by registered mail, a package containing three cases of weights kept specifically for use of the Assay Commission which meets in the Mint at Philadelphia on the second Wednesday in February. Will you please cause the weights to be compared with the legal standard and returned to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 5, 1923.

Dear Congressman Welsh:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of November 30 in behalf of Mr. Charles M. Conway employed in the Engraving Department of the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

There are four men in the Philadelphia Mint designated as "Die Makers", this being the general title given to the type of work Mr. Conway is doing. It is obvious to you that it would be impracticable to give each man a separate and distinct title. Mr. Conway is now receiving $6.00 a day and no one doing the same class of work is receiving more. Mr. Conway's promotion was effective November 1, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Geo. A. Welsh,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

December 4, 1923.

Miss Janet P. Cooper,
Cazenove Hall,
Wellesley College,
Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Dear Miss Cooper:

I have for acknowledgement your letter of December 3, asking for a Harding Medal. The medals are distributed by the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia. We have none in Washington. It will be necessary to have the money order made out to the officer named, and to mail it to him at the Mint, Philadelphia. I regret we cannot serve you from here.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1923.

Dear Mr. Hart:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant I take pleasure in stating that the first coinage of the United States was in silver half-dimes, and it took place in October, 1792. Washington, in his address to Congress, on November 6, 1792, referred to that coinage as follows:-

> "There has been a small beginning in the coinage of half-dimes; the want of small coins in circulation calling the first attention to them."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

W. O. Hart, Esq.,
Attorney at Law,
134 Carondelet Street,
New Orleans, La.

December 6, 1923.

Miss Grace Balch,
239 Walnut Street,
Clarendon, Virginia.

Madame:

Your letter of December 4, erroneously directed to the Acting Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, has been returned to this office. It is noted that you have made request for two medals on the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint and that officer has been requested to expedite your order as much as possible. Orders for Harding memorial medals have exceeded 8,000 and the orders are being filled in the order in which they were received. I hope your medals will reach you shortly.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1923.

Miss Flora Dorsey,
38 111th St.,
Troy, New York.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of November 24 please be advised that the so-called Peace Dollar may be obtained by applying to any bank, as they are constantly being made and issued by the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1923.

Mr. Albert H. Rankin, Vice President,
The First National Bank,
Springfield, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 30 please be advised that the Government has not issued a Harding Memorial dollar. There is a Harding Memorial medal, which is a large bronze disc about three inches in diameter. This medal is being sold at the Mint in Philadelphia for $1.00 plus postage of 15 cents, and it may be that your customer has this medal confused with a coin.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1923.

Mr. Samuel F. Foft,

Waukee, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 4 please be advised that the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1923, has just been issued. A copy of this publication may be obtained at 50 cents a copy from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1923.

Mr. Theodore Koerner,
Route No. 3,
Fayetteville, Texas.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter without date. It is noted that on September 10 you received an acknowledgment from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia of your order for one Harding Memorial medal. This office is today writing the mint in Philadelphia to expedite this order.

For your information I might say that orders for about 8,000 medals have been received and the Mint is endeavoring to fill them in the order in which received. However, I trust the medal you ordered will reach you shortly.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1923.

Mr. Theodore Koerner,
Route No. 3,
Fayetteville, Texas.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter without date. It is noted that on September 10 you received an acknowledgment from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia of your order for one Harding Memorial medal. This office is today writing the mint in Philadelphia to expedite this order.

For your information I might say that orders for about 8,000 medals have been received and the Mint is endeavoring to fill them in the order in which received. However, I trust the medal you ordered will reach you shortly.

Respectfully,

W. H. Heiss

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1923.

Mr. Fred R. Jones, Editor,
The Financial Review,
50 Broad Street, Room 401,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Responding to your request this Bureau has taken pleasure in forwarding a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint from our stock. Your name is on the regular mailing list for the usual copy, but this one is sent in anticipation of your receiving the regular copy.

Respectfully,

M. McRaelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1923.

M. J. H. Bunning,
Hotel Colonial Annex,
417 Stockton St.,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 30 please be advised that the fine silver contained in two half dollars is not in the same quantity as that contained in the one dollar silver piece. The silver dollar has 371.25 grains of pure silver. Two silver half dollars have 347.22 grains of pure silver.

The alloy in our gold and silver coins is pure copper. The gold and silver coins consist of 900 parts gold and silver and 100 parts copper.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1923.

The Chemical National Bank of New York,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letters of November 30 and December 1, relative to the proposed coinage for the Government of Ecuador, this Bureau submits the following:

If this coinage is undertaken by the Mint it is recommended that an alloy of 75% copper and 25% nickel be used. This is the alloy used for the nickel coins of the United States. The Mint is not in position to supply you with sample coins for the reason that the dies belonging to Ecuador now in the possession of the Mint are not the designs desired for the coinage under consideration.

The Mint has the Coat of Arms referred to. It also has portrait bust of Bolivar on other dies, one looking to the right and the other looking to the left. It will be necessary for the Mint to know before dies are prepared which portrait the Government of Ecuador would like to have copied. The Mint has no portrait of Vicente Rocafuerte.

Until it can be determined to what extent devices and designs now on hand at the Mint can be used for the dies it will not be possible to quote the cost of preparing the master dies. The cost of preparing working dies from the master die would in any event be included in the charge to be made for the coinage itself.

The coinage costs which include working dies, and packing coins for shipment, but not the metal required nor kegs or boxes necessary to contain the coins, will be as follows:

5,000,000 Cinco Centavo pieces, alloy 75% copper, 25% nickel, weight 5 grams, diameter 19½ mm. tolerance 2 grains, $3.25 per 1000 pieces.

10,000,000 Diez Centavo pieces - alloy 75% copper, 25% nickel, weight 2 grams, diameter 16½ mm., tolerance 2 grains, $2.00 per 1000.

The metal required for the above coinage is as follows:

19,290 avoirdupois lbs. of shot nickel (Cobalt content) 99%.
67,870 " " " electrolytic copper, copper content, 99.90%.

It is customary for foreign Governments contracting for coin to purchase and deliver metals required, but if it is desired the mint can, on guarantee of the bank acting as Agent for the Foreign Government of the cost of metals, purchase such metals on competitive bids f.o.b. this mint.

When a contract is entered into with a foreign Government is is customary to have a representative of the country interested designate a bank to act as Agent in receiving the coins, making payment for the metal, coinage and packing charges, and arranging for boat space for the shipment. The coins, however, will be packed at the Mint for shipment and delivered to the express company on the order of the agent.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1923.

Dear Senator Harris:

I beg to acknowledge, by reference from you, receipt of letter of Mr. Boyce Ficklen, Sr., Washington, Ga., making inquiry in regard to the Templeton Reid so-called coins. I take pleasure in quoting an excerpt from the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals."

> " * * * The first privately issued gold pieces which readily went into circulation as coins were struck by Templeton Reid, an assayer, who in 1830 established himself near the gold mines in Lumpkin County, Ga., and converted the gold from the mines into a coin form. The example of Mr. Reid was soon followed by a Mr. Bechtler, at Rutherfordton, N.C."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. William J. Harris,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

December 7, 1923.

Comptroller,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In reply to your letter M-2612 of December 6th, concerning quantity of silver deliverable on account of the Phelps-Dodge Corporation, will state that it is our understanding your tenders on account of the Phelps-Dodge Corporation, 904,830 ounces, included all silver estimated to be deliverable for that concern on account of the Pittman Act, 2,474 ounces of which were sold, with supporting miners' affidavits, to the Anaconda Copper Mining Company. Such being the case, the quantity remaining deliverable by you would be 55,438 ounces less 2,474 ounces, or 52,964 ounces.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reedy

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 7, 1923.

George Tiemann & Company,
107 East 25th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing form of voucher which I will ask you to kindly execute and return to this Bureau in order that your account may be settled.

Respectfully,

M McPhail

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 7, 1923.

Mr. Ernest Frising,
4127 Palmetto Way,
San Diego, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter without date please be advised that there is no mint in Washington. You probably have reference to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and I would suggest that you communicate with the Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, for the information you desire.

Respectfully,

M McBride

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 7, 1923.

Miss Hazel M. Hadley,

Amo, Indiana.

Dear Miss Hadley:

Replying to your letter of December 4 please be advised that the Government issues no publication describing the methods employed in the manufacture of coins. A Report is issued annually by this Bureau covering the operations of the mints and assay offices, but this publication is of a statistical nature. The paper money of the United States is printed and engraved by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M M Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 7, 1923.

Mr. Frank Hodson, President,
Electric Furnace Corporation Company,
1015 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 27 relative to a meeting of the American Electrochemical Society in the Spring of 1924 in Philadelphia, and to your request that the members of the Society be permitted to witness the operations of the electric melting furnace in the mint in Philadelphia, please be advised that this Bureau will take pleasure in authorizing the Superintendent of the Mint to admit the members of the American Electrochemical Society to the mint should the electric furnaces be in operation. It is not possible at this time to state definitely whether any of the furnaces will be in operation. In any event it will be a pleasure for us to extend every courtesy to the members of your organization when the time comes.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 7, 1923.

Rockmart Wholesale Grocery Company,

Rockmart, Georgia.

Sirs:

Replying to your letter of November 30 please be advised that foreign money is not legal tender in the United States.

In response to your other inquiry I am enclosing a copy of circular entitled "Value of Foreign Coins" issued by this Department quarterly.

Respectfully,

M. McRelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1923.

Mr. O. O. Williams,
31 Amsterdam avenue,
Passaic, New Jersey;

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 7 please be advised that all orders for Harding memorial medals are being filled at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and requests for the medals received by this Bureau were forwarded to the Superintendent of that institution. There are on hand at the Philadelphia mint approximately 8000 orders for medals, which are being filled in the order of their receipt and it is hoped that your order will be reached within a few days. An effort is being made to fill all orders now on hand before Christmas.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1923.

Mr. John J. Zeitler,

Kenilworth, N.J.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the coin forwarded with your letter of December 7 and have to advise you that the Numismatic Collection is no longer under the jurisdiction of this Bureau, the collection having been moved to the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. Your courtesy and interest in submitting this coin to us, however, is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1923.

Mr. Harry Ahrens,

Dentaybow, Minnesota.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

W. M. Roth

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1923.

Mr. I. C. Queensbury,

Hatcher, W. Va.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1923.

The Kinball Dental Mfg.,
Marshall Field Annex Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your package, presumably containing dental scrap, and as there is no place in Washington where such material is accepted by the Government I am today forwarding the same to the Superintendent, United States Assay Office, New York, with the request that he communicate with you directly regarding it.

Respectfully,

W. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1923.

Miss Mabel R. Petrie,
112 East German St.,
Herkimer, New York.

Dear Miss Petrie:

I am returning herewith your check for $1.10 forwarded by you to cover the cost of one Harding memorial medal. Application for the medal should be made to the Superintendent, U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, and payment should be made by postal money order or in cash and include 15 cents to cover the cost of postage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1923.

Mr. Walter V. Fox, Statistician,
Coleman and Reitze,
50 Broad Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 7 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1923.

Miss Margaret C. Wells, Librarian,
American International Corporation,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Miss Wells:

Replying to your letter of December 5 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1923.

Miss Hazel Draper,

Grundy Center, Iowa.

Dear Miss Draper:

Replying to your letter of November 29 please be advised that the Government issues no publication covering the methods employed in the manufacture of coins. The coinage mints of the United States are located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco. The paper money of the United States is executed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 8, 1923.

Old Dominion Co.
50 Congress St.,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Please accept my thanks for your communication of December 6 giving the quantities of gold and silver produced from your works at Globe, Arizona, and the International Smelting Co. works at Miami, Arizona, during the calendar year 1923. Will you kindly advise me whether all of this gold and silver was mined in Arizona, and if not, the quantities of each mined in other states or foreign countries?

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1923.

Chief, Division of Appointments,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 5 I beg to submit in duplicate abstracts of official record of the following named persons, employees of the Mint Service transferred to the Civil Service Commission:

	Appointed	Oath	Trans. to S.C.C.
Earl B. Moyer	Sept. 20/20	9/24/20	July 1, 1923
John T. White	May 27/21	6/6/21	July 1, 1923.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 10, 1923.

Treasurer, United States
(Division of General Accounts),
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It is understood that on November 21st, Annie H. Martin, Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Carson City, forwarded to the Federal Reserve Bank at San Francisco $16.18 to be placed to her official checking credit with the Treasurer of the United States in her ordinary disbursing account. It is also understood that on December 4th she forwarded documents indicating that the sum mentioned above should have been placed to her personal credit as repayment to appropriation instead of to her official checking credit. The amount should have been placed to her personal credit as repayment to appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Carson City, 1924" and it is requested that action be taken accordingly.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

December 10, 1923.

British Non-Ferrous Metals Research Association,
71, Temple Row,
Birmingham, England.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your reqeust of November 30 I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of the Proceedings of the Assay Commission, 1923.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1923.

Major A. G. Gutensohn, S.C.,
Fiscal and Sales Officer,
Sales Surplus Property Section,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of December 7 relative to scrap films, the value of which lies in their celluloid and silver content, please be advised that the Mint Service is not equipped to handle this material in the form you describe. The Mint could purchase the silver after it had been reduced to the form of a bar. The price paid for it would be the current rate on the day the bar was delivered to the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1923.

Mr. F. S. Gram,
City Purchasing Agent,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 6 please be advised that the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver will receive deposits of dental scrap and make return for the gold content only. The Government does not purchase platinum and would not undertake to separate platinum from porcelain for the purpose of having it returned to you.

Gold will be purchased at the rate of $20.67 an ounce, after the metal has been melted and assayed to determine its exact value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1923.

Mr. Ira Sommerblick,
Y.M.C.A.,
Allentown, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 10 please be advised that the Harding Memorial medal is on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and application should be made to the Superintendent of that institution for the same. The medals are sold for $1.00 each plus 15 cents postage, and payment should be made by postal money order or in cash.

Respectfully,

E. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1923.

Mr. W. B. Harwood,
601 Oil Exchange Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 7 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coin. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 156th and 157th Streets, New York City, for the information you seek.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1925.

Mr. William J. Standley,

Vienna, Maryland.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that a visual examination indicates that it contains no metal value.

Should you desire an assay made I would suggest that you forward the material to the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., or the Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah. A charge of $1.00 is made for determining gold and silver, and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1923.

Miss Anna Larned Green,
20 Young Orchard Avenue,
Providence, Rhode Island.

Dear Miss Green:

I am returning herewith your draft for $8.00 forwarded with your letter of December 9 to cover the cost of eight Presidential medals. Please be advised that these medals are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and application should be made to the Superintendent of that institution. Payment should be made by postal money order or in cash and include 15 cents to cover the cost of postage on each medal. The medals are sold for $1.00 each.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1923.

Mr. Rudolph Smutny,
110 Morningside Drive,
New York City.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your check for $2.00 forwarded with your letter of December 7 to cover the cost of one Harding memorial medal. These medals are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each and application should be made to the Superintendent of that institution. Payment should be made by postal money order or in cash and include 15 cents to cover the cost of postage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1923.

Mr. A. Sauer,
Gleen Building,
5th and Race Sts.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of December 5 addressed to Hon. Nicholas Longworth has been referred to this Bureau for attention. The Government does not issue any pamphlet or book on platinum or gold refining. As of possible assistance to you, I would refer you to helpful articles to be found in the following publications:

Metallurgical & Chemical Engineering (formerly Electro-Chemical and Metallurgical Industry). Vol. 1, page 157; Vol. 2, pages 221 and 261; Vol. 6, pages 355, 408 and 450. Vol. 8, pages 62, 82 and 466. Vol. 9, page 413.

Engineering and Mining Journal, Vol. XCII, pages 901 and 950 are important quotations from Transactions American Institute of Mining Engineers, Vol. XLII.

Electrical World, June 23, 1910.
Engineering & Mining Journal July 30, 1910. May 3, 1919, page 789.
Trans. Am. Elctro-Chem. Soc. Vol. XXXV, page 251.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

December 11, 1923.

Dear Congressman Longworth:

Responding to the request contained in your letter of December 7, I am enclosing copy of reply made to Mr. A. Sauer, who addressed you in regard to obtaining some published matter on the subject of platinum and gold refining.

In accordance with your request I am returning Mr. Sauer's letter.

Respectfully,

E. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Nicholas Longworth,
House of Representatives.
Washington, D.C.

December 11, 1923.

Mr. R. Schallenberger,
18 Kingsley Avenue,
West Toronto. Ontario.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 6 please be advised that the motto "In God We Trust" was not placed on the coins of the United States until 1866.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1923.

Mr. C. C. Latour,
Scholle Brothers,
5 Nassau Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 5 I take pleasure in transcribing the purchases of silver under the Pittman Act since January 1922 by months.

I am also forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1923, which gives the production of silver for the countries named in your letter. Your name has been placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the preliminary estimate of the production of silver covering the year 1923, which is issued early in January.

	1922	1923
January	2,538,000	4,622,000
February	3,444,740	6,768,762
March	5,370,960	16,215,394
April	8,117,748	4,570,516
May	4,122,400	16,160,699
June	5,204,750	1,496,753
July	2,841,000	
August	6,325,000	
September	4,377,445	
October	7,105,625	
November	3,242,636	
December	7,496,500	

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1923.

Mr. Milton Schafer,
New York University,
University Heights,
New York City.

Sir:

Responding to your request of November 21 there is transcribed below the monthly purchases of silver under the Pittman Act:

	1920	1921	1922	1923
January		4,677,188	2,532,000	4,622,000
February		4,615,842	3,444,740	6,768,762
March		5,912,065	5,370,980	16,815,394
April		4,334,741	8,117,748	4,570,516
May	332,088	6,836,500	4,122,400	16,160,698
June	6,168,505	4,442,000	5,204,750	1,496,753
July	3,288,856	4,670,119	2,841,000	49,834.53
August	3,429,277	4,913,614	8,325,000	
September	3,815,733	3,471,436	4,377,445	
October	4,634,860	5,917,997	7,105,625	
November	3,638,870	3,447,000	3,242,836	
December	4,599,172	5,424,025	7,496,500	
	29,907,361	58,662,527	72,181,024	

I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1923, just issued.

The melting of silver dollars begun shortly after the passage of the Pittman Act in April, 1918 and continued until November 28, 1919. The melting was evenly distributed over this period.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1923.

Dear Dr. Watkins:

Upon my return from Denver I found your letter of November 28, and want to thank you for your good wishes and courteous reference to my appointment. I expect to enjoy the work of my new office, for it is sure to be extremely interesting.

I note your interest in the subject of the World Court, and your request for a few lines from me in regard to the proposal, but I am not in a position to attempt an expression of views, much as I appreciate the opportunity you have given me.

Again thanking you for your very kind wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. S. C. G. Watkins,
13 North Fullerton Avenue,
Montclair, N. J.

December 11, 1923.

The Brown Instrument Company,

Wayne Junction, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sirs:

We are in receipt of the two Type J porcelain tubes for 12" thermo-couples supplied by you and find that the iron head or conduiet supplies with each does not fit the porcelain block and binding posts of our thermo-couples.

I am returning the tubes by parcel post, together with two of our conduiets and request that you fit them with 12" porcelain tubes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 12, 1923.

Dear Congressman Kiess:

Responding to your request of December 10 I have today taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to Mr. J. R. Hammerle, 691 Seventh Avenue, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1923, the last issued.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Edgar R. Kiess,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

December 12, 1923.

Mrs. W. H. Parker,

Rawlins, Wyoming.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of December 8 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 156th and 157th Sts., New York City, for information relative to the numismatic value of the pieces you describe.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1923.

Mr. John Doster,
324 S. Broadway,
Barnesville, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 10 please be advised that information received from the Mint today indicates that they are overtaking the orders which have accumulated to the extent of about 4,000 at this time, and it is hoped that your order will be reached within a short time. Your letter has been brought to the attention of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 12, 1923.

Dear Mr. Scobey:

I am enclosing copies of correspondence received from the Comptroller General's Office in regard to your account for April, 1923. The amount has been suspended in the account of the disbursing office here pending receipt of information called for in the attached copy of letter. We have the transportation number and the amount paid for it, as you had a round trip from Washington to San Francisco and back; that you need not bother with.

Will you please help us out as nearly as you can by indicating time of arrival and departure from designated posts of duty as called for by the letter. For the purpose of aiding your memory I am sending a copy of the voucher as it was rendered. No doubt it can be adjusted as soon as we hear from you.

Everybody in the Bureau sends personal regards to you.

Sincerely,

Hon. F. E. Scobey,
Scobey Fireproof Storage Co.,
San Antonio, Texas.

December 12, 1923.

Dear Senator Smoot:

I have your letter of December 11 recommending the appointment of Honorable Arthur L. Thomas as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, on the second Wednesday in February.

I have taken pleasure in placing the name of Mr. Thomas on the list to be submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury for transmission to the President early in January.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Reed Smoot,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

December 12, 1923.

Mr. W. S. Davis,
545 West 7th St.,
Erie, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 6 please be advised that the use of the Six-pointed stars on the coins of the United States is traditional, no particular reason being ascribed for their use, although five-pointed stars have been used in one or two instances. The use of the five-point star on the flag probably arises from the fact that the Great Seal of the United States carries that form of star.

Respectfully,

[signature]

J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1923.

Mr. Edward Long,
Agricultural Experiment Station,
New Brunswick, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 10 please be advised that the piece you describe is probably a souvenir medal issued at the Mint. It is not a coin and is of no special value. The issue of these pieces has been discontinued.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1923.

Rand McNally & Company,
536 South Clark Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sirs:

Replying to your letter of December 10 I take pleasure in enclosing copies of Department Circular "Value of Foreign Coins". This circular is issued quarterly and I am forwarding a copy for each quarter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1923.

Mr. K. B. Morgan, Asst. Cashier,
California National Bank,
Long Beach, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 7 please be advised that the deliveries of Harding memorial medals has been delayed on account of the overwhelming number of orders received. Inquiry at the Mint today manifests that the orders are now rapidly being overtaken.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1923.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 20 please be advised that at the close of business December 11, 1923, there was still due the mint undelivered silver under the Pittman Act to the amount of 1,790,531 ounces. At the rate at which silver has been received during the last three months it is expected that final deliveries of silver will be made at the mints before the close of the current fiscal year. However, vendors of silver under this Act have until October, 1924, to complete shipments.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 13, 1923.

The Chemical National Bank,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

In response to your letter of December 8 in reference to the proposed coinage for Ecuador, the following estimate is submitted based on the coinage of the dimensions named in your letter of the 8th, and the number of pieces being 5,000,000 ten centavo and 10,000,000 five centavo pieces:

5,000,000 Diez Centavo (10 Centavo) pieces, 75% copper and 25% nickel. Weight 3 grams, diameter 19½ mm. tolerance 2 grains: $3.25 per 1000 pieces.

10,000,000 Cinco Centavo (5 Centavo) pieces, 75% copper and 25% nickel. Weight 2 grams, diameter 16½ mm., tolerance 2 grains: $2.00 per 1000 pieces.

The charge for preparing master dies and hubs will be $250 per pair. It would require thirty days to make the dies after designs are agreed upon and the coinage, unless something unforseen happens, could be undertaken promptly upon completion of dies; we could complete the order within thirty days.

The last coinage executed at the mint for the Government of Ecuador was shipped in iron banded boxes made at the mint. The amounts of coin upon which estimates are now being made would require approximately 1167 boxes to contain them for shipment. These could be furnished by the mint at $1.25 each. The cost of bags and packing for shipment is included in and part of the coinage charge.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 13, 1923.

Mrs. E. A. Montgomery,
67 Grand View Averme,
Pleasantville, New York.

Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the gold bullion erroneously forwarded by you to Washington. As there is no place in this city where such deposits are accepted by the Government I am today forwarding your bullion to the United States Assay Office, New York City, and have requested the Superintendent of that institution to communicate with you directly regarding it.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 13, 1923.

Mr. James V. Largo,
154 West 14th St.,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 12 please be advised that the only five-cent pieces coined during the year 1913 were the so-called buffalo nickels, no Liberty head nickels having been coined during that year.

The "1894 dime S Mint" has reference to a ten-cent piece manufactured during that year at the United States Mint, San Francisco. Twenty four dimes were manufactured at that mint in 1894. The letter "S" appearing on the coins is a mint mark and indicates that the coin was manufactured at the San Francisco Mint. The letter "D" is the mint mark of the Denver Mint, while coins manufactured at the Philadelphia Mint are known by the absence of a mint mark.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 13, 1923.

The Klingstedt Brothers Company,
425 Schroyer Avenue,
Canton, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of December 12 with reference to a Harding memorial medal you ordered under date of November 14 has been received, and has been forwarded to the Superintendent, U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, where these medals are being manufactured and distributed. Inquiry at the mint indicates that there are on hand about 4,000 orders for medals which are being filled as rapidly as possible. It is hoped that your order will be reached within a short time.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 13, 1923.

Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

This Bureau has under consideration the purchase of power at the United States Mint in Philadelphia. Before undertaking to negotiate for this service will you please cause an investigation to be made of the present cost of power at the Mint in Philadelphia for the purpose of comparing it with the cost of power if it is concluded to purchase the same from the public utilities of the city of Philadelphia.

This Bureau will appreciate your courtesy if you will cause this report to be made as promptly as possible.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 14, 1923.

Mr. R. C. Rohn,
725 W. Elm St.,
Lima, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 12 please be advised that the Government issues no publication describing the method of coining money. The Annual Report of the Director of the Mint covers the operations of the Mint Service, and this publication may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at a cost of 50 cents. I regret that we are not supplied with a sufficient number of these Reports to permit of general gratuitous distribution.

I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" which may be of interest to you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 14, 1923.

Mr. John Konsalie,

Upham, N. D.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the material forwarded with your letter of December 10th for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Deadwood, S.D., where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 14, 1923.

Miss Viola Beckwith,
Pratt High School,
Essex, Connecticut.

Dear Miss Beckwith:

Replying to your letter of December 10 please be advised that the orders for Harding memorial medals are being filled at the United States Mint, Philadelphia. There are on hand at that mint about 4000 orders, and they are being filled in the order of their receipt. Your letter has been called to the attention of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint and it is hoped that you will receive the medal at an early date.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant.
Director of the Mint.

December 14, 1923.

Miss Ione Smith,

Lane, South Dakota.

Dear Miss Smith:

Replying to your letter of December 7 I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World". The Report of the Director of the Mint, which is issued annually, may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at 50 cents a copy. I regret that this Bureau is not supplied with sufficient copies of these Reports to permit of general gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 14, 1923.

Washington Gas Light Co.,
413 Tenth St., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find your voucher, amount $2.24, covering service rendered the Mint Laboratory during the period October 16th to November 15th, 1923, which kindly sign, in place opposite check mark, and return to this office when it will be immediately passed for payment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 14, 1923.

Mrs. C. F. Stone,
991 Asylum Avenue,
Hartford, Connecticut.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of December 13 please be advised that $74,600.00 in one-cent pieces were coined at the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, during the calendar year 1922. The mints do not segregate coins by years, but you might by addressing the Superintendent of that institution obtain some of these coins.

In the year 1856, $26,904.63 in one-cent pieces were coined. I am unable to advise you where these coins might be obtained.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 14, 1923.

Miss Lois Thompson,
Lander College,
Greenwood, S.C.

Dear Miss Thompson:

Replying to your letter of December 12 I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1923, and invite your attention to pages 12, 24 and 100 for the information you seek.

I am also enclosing a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World".

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 14, 1923.

Mrs. Frank Symes,

Summersville, W. Va.

Madam:

I am returning under separate cover the gold and silver scrap forwarded by you and have to advise that the Government purchases such material only when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value. I regret thatyour deposit is too small to be acceptable.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 14, 1923.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Responding to your request of December 13 I will take pleasure in advising you of the amount of Pittman silver remaining undelivered at the end of December. This Bureau is now compiling statistics covering an estimate of the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1923. An advance copy will be forwarded to you as soon as the figures are ready. This will probably be the last of December or the first week in January.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1923.

Mr. Henry Chapman,
333 South Sixteenth St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 14 please be advised that the United States Mint at San Francisco has coined during the current year, $1,226,000 in half dollars. No coins of this denomination will be struck at the Philadelphia or Denver mints this year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1923.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,

115 Broadway,

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Silver receipts of the mints during the month of November, 1923, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Domestic unrefined bullion	—	147,247.32 ounces
Foreign " "	—	62,267.03 "
Foreign silver coin	—	8,141.69 "

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1923.

Survey of Current Business,

Bureau of Census,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of November, 1923, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Unrefined domestic gold — 108,431.998 oz.

" " silver — 147,247.32 "

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1923.

Mr. Frank L. Peckham,
1719 K Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responding to your request of December 12 I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint. A copy of the Report has also been forwarded to parties named in your letter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 14, 1923.

Mr. Frank B. Butts, Asst. Cashier,
Webster and Atlas National Bank,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 13 please be advised that the issue of Presidential medals is a custom established during the time of Washington. No specific authority was required for the issue of the Harding memorial medal. It is one of the Presidential series.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1923.

Mr. S. Rubenstein,
76 Clinton St.,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your card of December 12 please be advised that in 1893 Columbian half dollars were coined to the amount of $475,000.00. It is not known how many of these coins are now in circulation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1923.

Mr. James F. Larkin,
1300 S. Millick St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Larkin:

My attention has been called to your letters of recent date requesting reinstatement at the Mint in Philadelphia. I have found from the records that you were retired on August 21, 1922, and this being the case there is no authority in law for the Bureau to restore you to a position at the Mint.

Regretting that we cannot reply more favorably to your petition, I am,

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1923.

Mr. Vivian Green, President,
Golden Chest Mining Company,
45 West 34th Street,
New York City.

Sir:

On September 13, 1923, Mr. W. A. Taylor of Murray, Idaho, shipped to the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington, 25.43 ounces of bullion assaying gold 138¼ and silver 186. Will you please advise if this bullion is from your property and made in the regular way.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1923.

Mrs. Theodore Bluhoff,
401 Carroll Avenue,
Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of December 13 please be advised that in 1914 there were coined ten cent pieces to the amount of $42,150.00. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 156th and 157th Sts., New York, for information as to its numismatic value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1923.

Mr. I. J. Poley,

Dawson, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 12 please be advised that the Harding memorial medal is being manufactured and distributed by the United States Mint at Philadelphia. There are about 4000 orders on hand at that institution for the medals and they are being filled as rapidly as possible in the order of their receipt. Your letter has been called to the attention of the Superintendent of the Mint and it is hoped that you will receive a medal within a short time.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 15, 1923.

American Smelting & Refining Co.
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

It is understood from your letter M 2812 of the 10th instant that from the total estimated Phelps Dodge silver receipts tenderable to the Director of the Mint under the Pittman Act there had been deducted at the time your tenders were made, the quantity, 2,474 ounces, sold to the Anaconda Co. with miners affidavits to support sale to the Government. If this understanding is correct you are hereby authorized to send to the Philadelphia Mint on account of the Phelps Dodge Corp. 2,474 ounces in addition to the quantity authorized December 7th.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1923.

National Commercial Bank & Trust Company,
200 Washington Avenue,
Albany, New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of December 13 please be advised that the mints no longer manufacture proof coins, the practice having been discontinued several years ago.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1923.

Mr. Asa Warren Drew,

Ashland, New Hampshire.

Sir:

Responding to your letter of December 8 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1923.

In 1854 gold dollars to the amount of $5,950.00 were coined, and the design followed that adopted for the coin in 1854.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 17, 1925.

Mr. Charles F. Hanser, President,
The Hanser Advertising Agency, Inc.,
12 East 44th St.,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to the series of question contained in your letter of December 15 the following is submitted:

1. Any owner of gold can take it to a mint and receive in return coin or bars in the exact amount of the value of the pure metal content. Silver bullion is purchased at the current market price of silver, which changes each day.

2. The Government buys precious metals for coinage only.

3. Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce. The amount of gold in a $10.00 gold piece is regulated by law, there being 232.2 grains of pure gold in a $10.00 gold piece when it leaves the mint.

4. The Government does not issue a description of coinage processes. This is intentionally avoided.

5. Coins are struck in the following denominations:

Gold		Silver	Minor
$20	Double Eagles	$1.00	Five cent nickel
10	Eagles	.50	One-cent piece
5	Half eagles	.25	
2.50	Quarter eagles	.10	

6. The coinage of gold is free. A charge is imposed for fitting the gold for coinage purposes. The amount of the charge is deducted after the valuehas been determined by melting and assaying. Charges are also imposed for fitting silver bullion for coinage purposes. The Standard Dollar contains 371.25 grains of pure silver. One ounce of silver will make $1.29 in silver dollars, and $1.38 in subsidiary silver coin.

7. New coins are distributed from the Treasury through the banks, and old coins are withdrawn from circulation principally through the banks. See Circular enclosed relative to the issue, exchange and redemption of money.

8. There are three coinage mints of the United States -- located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco.

9. Designs for coins are submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury by the Director of the Mint. The models submitted are passed upon by the Fine Arts Commission for opinion as to their artistic merits before the designs are submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury.

I am enclosing a brief history of the coinage of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 17, 1923.

The Western Union Telegraph Company,
14th and G Sts., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith sub-voucher #1, charges 24¢, of your bill #3224 covering telegrams transmitted during the month of October 1923. Bill covering charges on this telegram should be sent to the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal. for payment.

Bill rendered this office, numbered as above, has been approved for payment in the sum of $1.91.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 17, 1923.

Mr. Charles W. Baldridge,
1033 Railway Exchange Building,
80 East Jackson Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 15 please be advised that 86,730,000 silver dollars of the old design were coined in 1921. The coinage of silver dollars of the new design did not start until late in December, 1921, hence there were two types of silver dollars bearing the date 1921.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 17, 1923.

Rev. Carl Rosh,
Bethesda Medical Hospital,
Lafayette Avenue, Clifton,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 14 please be advised that there are no $1.00 gold pieces in the Treasury or in the mints, and it is understood coin collectors hold them at a premium.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 17, 1923.

Mrs. F. B. Decker,
739 So. Main Street,
Athens, Pa.

Madam:

I am returning herewith your postal money order for $3.00 forwarded by you to cover three Presidential medals. These medals are on sale by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each, plus 15 cents postage, and I would suggest that your money order be made payable to that officer in the amount of $3.45.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 18, 1923.

Dr. Gladstone Derby,
325 Securities Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of December 14 please be advised that the United States Mint at Denver purchases gold dental scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Payment is made at the rate of $20.67 per ounce for fine gold, after charges have been deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes. The Government does not purchase platinum, not is an allowance made for this metal when contained in such deposits.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 18, 1923.

Mr. Charles Graham,

Trevat, Texas.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

December 18, 1923.

Hon. F. E. Scobey,
Scobey Fireproof Storage Company.
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Mr. Scobey:

Referring to the Director's letter of December 12 returning copy of your voucher with expression from the Comptroller General with regard to the items making up the $181.50, I do not think our letter was very clear.

We know and have given you credit for having paid the Pullman $81.50 each way. There is no question about that. There is no question about paying the Pullman porter 25 cents a day.

What the bookkeepers in the Comptroller General's Office evidently want to know is the hour of arrival at San Francisco on January 18, and the hour of departure for San Antonio on February 6. This is asked for this reason: That in order to show the charge of $4.00 per day we must show that you were on duty all of the business day of January 19 and every day thereafter until February 6, when it is presumed you left at the close of business that day, or at night, in order to make the full day for which we charge $4.00.

It will also be necessary for you to show the hour of day you left San Antonio for Washington on March 27.

In order to make this a little clearer I have undertaken to put the inquiry in the form of a little table which may be of assistance to you in filling in the necessary information.

I have written today to Mr. Chaffin to ask him to send the medals you request. The Director is in Philadelphia today making his first visit officially.

Everybody in the Bureau sends good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

December 18, 1923.

Mr. A. H. Feist,
Box 302,
Clay Center, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 13 please be advised that the piece you describe, of which you enclose a pencil rubbing, is not a coin of the United States, but is what is known as a "token" piece, many of which were privately issued during the period of the Civil War.

Respectfully,

Wm. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 18, 1923.

United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company,
75 William Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of December 17 relative to the bond of Mr. Warren Taylor, please be advised that the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, under whom Mr. Taylor is now employed as a Mint employee, has been addressed regarding the premium now due on Mr. Taylor's bond. Although Mr. Taylor has been moved from the United States Assay Office at New York to the Mint at San Francisco, his transfer does not affect his status as a mint employee and his bond is therefore still in force. Please advise this Bureau if you do not hear shortly from Mr. Taylor in regard to the payment of his premium.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 19, 1923.

Sales Officer,
Quartermasters Department,
Munitions Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The United States Mint at Philadelphia has advised this Bureau that the Depot Quartermaster in Philadelphia has on hand a large quantity of stay binding (binding tape). Will you please advise this Bureau if it is possible to release for sale to the Philadelphia Mint one case of this material (12,960 yards), olive drab in color and 1/2" wide. It is understood that the cost price is given as 67½¢ per gross yards with discount of 15%.

This Bureau will appreciate your courtesy in advising us at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 19, 1923.

Western Union Telegraph Co.
15th & Chestnut Sts.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Under date of August 18, 1923, Freas Styer, Superintendent, Philadelphia Mint, issued check in your favor for the sum of 93¢ covering two telegrams sent during the month of July; one on July 9 to Denver, Colorado, charge 68¢, and the other dated July 26, to Scranton, Pennsylvania, 25¢. The message to Denver reads as follows:

"F. H. Chaffin, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.
Confirmation telegram reads 'RE tel twenty-seventh no balance June first. White, Treasurer.'
"Styer, Superintendent."

Will you kindly explain the charge of 68¢ for this message, which charge, so far as information is available, appears to be excessive.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT.
Director of the Mint.

December 20, 1923.

Mr. A. H. Mitchell, Jr.,
The Daily Times,
Martins Ferry, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your card of December 19 please be advised that the Harding memorial medals are sold by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each. Payment should be made to that officer by postal money order or in cash and include the cost of postage, which is 15 cents on each medal. The Government does not pay the cost of postage on these medals.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 20, 1923.

Mr. W. Sam Hofson,

Washburn, Tennessee.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 18 please be advised that $1.00, $2.50 and $5.00 gold pieces were coined in the following amounts during the years indicated:

	$1.00	$2.50	$5.00
1881 . . .	$7,560	$ 1,700	$33,458,430
1907 . . .	- - -	841,120	7,570,960
1923 . . .	- - -	- - - -	- - - - -

The coinage of one dollar gold pieces was discontinued in 1889.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 20, 1923.

Mr. W. W. Price,
1426 7th St. So.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th please be advised that the initials "U.S.A." have never appeared on a coin of the United States in the position you describe when the coins are paid out by the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 21, 1923.

Mr. Milton Schafer,
Delta Sigma Phi,
New York University,
University Heights, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 18 I have taken pleasure in directing that copies of the reports which are available at this time be sent to you. One or two of the reports called for by you are practically out of print, but we will be glad to forward copies of available reports.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 21, 1923.

Mr. John S. Mill, Acting Chief,
Division of Printing and Stationery,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 19 stating that the Japanese Embassy of Washington had requested a set of publications of the Bureau of the Mint be sent to Dr. Kenzo Takayanagi, Professor of English Law, Imperial University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan, to replace volumes destroyed by fire and earthquake, I take pleasure in stating that all available copies will be forwarded through the International Exchange of the Smithsonian Institution as you direct.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 21, 1923.

Mr. F. P. Favra,
2540 South 50th Avenue,
Cicero, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 18 I regret that this Bureau has no publication at its disposal covering proposed mining projects. I would suggest that you address a letter to the Commissioner, United States Land Office, Washington, D.C., and also a letter to the Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior. It is possible that these two branches of the Government may be in position to serve you with literature covering the project in which you are interested.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 21, 1923.

Mr. M. L. Beistle,
The Beistle Company,
Shippensburg, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 19 please be advised that the half dollars referred to in your letter were made at the San Francisco Mint. I feel sure if you apply to that mint you will have no difficulty in obtaining specimens of these coins. I would suggest that you forward to the Mint at San Francisco with your request a copy of this letter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 21, 1923.

Dear Senator Phipps:

I have your letter of December 11 recommending the appointment of Mr. John L. McNeil, President of the Durango Trust Company, Durango, Colorado, as a member of the Annual Assay Commission, which meets at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, on the second Wednesday in February.

I have taken pleasure in placing the name of Mr. McNeil on the list to be submitted by the Secretary to the President for his consideration some time in January.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Lawrence C. Phipps,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

December 21, 1923.

Mr. R. J. Menzies, Manager of Traffic,
The International Nickel Company,
67 Wall Street,
New York City.

Order P.C. 625 and 612

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 20 relative to nickel shot sold by you to the Mint in Philadelphia for coinage purposes.

The nickel in question was purchased under competetive bids. Individual purchases of nickel are not "ear-marked" so it is not possible to determine the source of the nickel used in any particular coinage. In any event this Bureau would not be in position to pass upon the question of refund of duty paid on the material on entry into the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 21, 1923.

Hon. Chas. L. Richards,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Richards:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 19 stating that you have an inquiry from a constituent relative to the possibility of securing a lease from the Government of the Mint building at Carson City for the purpose of recovering lost metallic values. The Department cannot consider such an application. The mints are constantly required to make clean-ups of utensils used in gold and silver operations in order to recover all losses incident thereto.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1923.

Mr. Albert E. Moran,
536 St. Helena Avenue,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 20 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1923. For such copies of the Report as are available for previous years it will be necessary for you to address the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1923.

Hon. W. Irving Glover,
Third Assistant Postmaster General,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of December 21 enclosing a communication dated November 28 from the Postmaster at Chestnut Hill, Connecticut, transmitting a letter addressed to Mr. Albert S. Peckham from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, please be advised that the matter has been taken up with the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia. That officer has been requested to expedite the mailing of the medals to Mr. Peckham.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1923.

Mr. James A. Wetmore,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department.

Dear Mr. Wetmore:

Referring to your letter of December 21 suggesting that the cost of sending an Engineer to investigate the present cost of power at the United States Mint in Philadelphia compared with the cost of purchasing power for the building from the Public Utilities of the city of Philadelphia be paid by this Bureau, please be advised that this Bureau will take pleasure in bearing the expense incident to the travel of the inspector while on this duty.

If you will advise me of the name of the person who is to be sent and the day upon which he is to visit the Mint an appropriate letter of authority will be prepared in this Bureau and forwarded to you for delivery to the person designated by you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1923.

Mr. Sidney Moran, Managing Editor,
Mining Truth,
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Mr. Moran:

I have read with very much interest your letter of December 13 and attached article by Mr. W. P. Halloran "The Silver Bullion Book".

I am enclosing copy of the Coinage Laws and Supplement, and have taken the liberty of making several notes on the marginsopposite the laws relating to the subject matter of the article enclosed with your letter. These references may be of assistance to you in connection with Mr. Halloran's statements.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1923.

The Brown Instrument Company,
Wayne and Roberts Avenues,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Your acknowledgment of order dated December 20, order #95829, covering two condulets to be fitted with 12" type J porcelain tube for Plat couples, requests the furnishing of a bill of lading. I am accordingly enclosing Government Bill of Lading to cover the shipment of this order.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1923.

Mr. Rud Mayer,
4163 Lake Park Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Complying with your request of December 19 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1923.

Miss Mary E. Thomson,
20 W. Fountain Avenue,
Delaware, Ohio.

Dear Miss Thomson:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 20 together with $1.15 in stamps to cover the cost of one Harding memorial medal. These medals are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and your order together with the stamps has been forwarded to the Superintendent of that Institution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1923.

United Metals Selling Co.
25 Broadway,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to letter of your Mr. Bowervine, dated December 20, 1923, please be advised that while this office has not had opportunity to fully check your reports of Pittman Act operations to October 31, 1923, it is noted that your balance of silver on hand as of that date reported as conforming to Pittman Act requirements, is 2,590,227.29 fine ounces as stated in your letter.

Our record of silver deliveries, estimating delivery which arrived at Philadelphia Mint on December 19 as 100,000 ounces, indicates a balance due from you, following the last mentioned delivery, on accepted tenders, of 32,483 ounces. We will not be in position to accept further deliveries in excess of approximately the last mentioned quantity.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 24, 1923.

Raritan Copper Works,

25 Broadway,

New York.

Gentlemen:

May I refer to letter of this office dated November 26 requesting information concerning your gold and silver receipts during the calendar year 1923, for use in making preliminary estimate of domestic production?

Your reply to above mentioned request has not yet reached this office and, if it has not passed this letter in the mails, it is requested that the information be forwarded at the earliest practicable moment in order that it may be available in time for making computations so that the estimate may be given to the press as usual by the first of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 24, 1923.

Balbach Smelting & Refining Co,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

May I refer to letter of this office dated November 26 requesting information concerning your gold and silver receipts during the calendar year 1923, for use in making preliminary estimate of domestic production?

Your reply to above mentioned request has not yet reached this office; if it has not passed this letter in the mails it is requested that the information be forwarded at the earliest practicable moment in order that it may be available in time for making computations so that the estimate may be given to the press as usual by the first of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

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December 24, 1923.

Irvington Smelting & Refining Works,

Irvington, N. J.

Gentlemen:

May I refer to letter of this office dated November 26 requesting information concerning your gold and silver receipts during the calendar year 1923, for use in making preliminary estimate of domestic production?

Your reply to above mentioned request has not yet reached this office; if it has not passed this letter in the mails it is requested that the information be forwarded at the earliest practicable moment in order that it may be available in time for making computations so that the estimate may be given to the press as usual by the first of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 24, 1923.

International Minerals & Metals Corp.
61 Broadway,
New York.

Gentlemen:

May I refer to letter of this office dated November 26 requesting information concerning your gold and silver receipts during the calendar year 1923, for use in making preliminary estimate of domestic production?

Your reply to above mentioned request has not yet reached this office; if it has not passed this letter in the mails it is requested that the information be forwarded at the earliest practicable moment in order that it may be available in time for making computations so that the estimate may be given to the press as usual by the first of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 24, 1923.

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Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 24, 1923.

International Lead Refining Co.

42 Broadway,

New York.

Gentlemen:

May I refer to letter of this office dated November 26 requesting information concerning your gold and silver receipts during the calendar year 1923, for use in making preliminary estimate of domestic production?

Your reply to above mentioned request has not yet reached this office; if it has not passed this letter in the mails it is requested that the information be forwarded at the earliest practicable moment, in order that it may be available in time for making computations so that the estimate may be given to the press as usual by the first of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 24, 1923.

American Metal Co., Ltd.,
61 Broadway,
New York.

Gentlemen:

May I refer to letter of this office dated November 26 requesting information concerning your gold and silver receipts during the calendar year 1923, for use in making preliminary estimate of domestic production?

Your reply to above mentioned request has not yet reached this office and, if it has not passed this letter in the mails, it is requested that the information be forwarded at the earliest practicable moment in order that it may be available in time for making computations so that the estimate may be given to the press as usual by the first of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 24, 1923.

Phelps Dodge Corporation,

99 John St.

New York.

Gentlemen:

May I refer to letter of this office dated November 26 requesting information concerning your gold and silver receipts during the calendar year 1923, for use in making preliminary estimate of domestic production?

Your reply to above mentioned request has not yet reached this office; if it has not passed this letter in the mails it is requested that the information be forwarded at the earliest practicable moment in order that it may be available in time for making computations so that the estimate may be given to the press as usual by the first of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 24, 1923.

International Smelting Co.,
42 Broadway,
New York.

Gentlemen:

May I refer to letter of this office dated November 26 requesting information concerning your gold and silver receipts during the calendar year 1923, for use in making preliminary estimate of domestic production?

Your reply to above mentioned request has not yet reached this office; if it has not passed this letter in the mails it is requested that the information be forwarded at the earliest practicable moment in order that it may be available in time for making computations so that the estimate may be given to the press as usual by the first of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 24, 1923.

Anaconda Copper Mining Co.,
25 Broadway.
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

May I refer to letter of this office dated November 26 requesting information concerning your gold and silver receipts during the calendar year 1923, for use in making preliminary estimate of domestic production?

Your reply to above mentioned request has not yet reached this office; if it has not passed this letter in the mails it is requested that the information be forwarded at the earliest practicable moment in order that it may be available in time for making computations so that the estimate may be given to the press as usual by the first of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 24, 1923.

Goldsmith Brothers, Heyworth Building,
5044 S. Throop St.
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

May I refer to letter of this office dated November 26 requesting information concerning your gold and silver receipts during the calendar year 1923, for use in making preliminary estimate of domestic production?

Your reply to above mentioned request has not yet reached this office; if it has not passed this letter in the mails it is requested that the information be forwarded at the earliest practicable moment in order that it may be available in time for making computations so that the estimate may be given to the press as usual by the first of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 24, 1923.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

In accordance with directions received from the Secretary of the Treasury on June 28, 1920, I have the honor to submit the monthly estimate of the value of the silver content of the following coins:

British and Hongkong Dollar. . . .	$0.5699
Yuan Dollar.	.5615.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 26, 1923.

Miss Fanny Johnson,
Box 57, Heber Springs,
Arkansas.

Dear Miss Johnson:

Replying to your letter of December 17 please be advised that the Government does not pass upon the numismatic value of coins. I am returning the pencil tracings enclosed with your letter and would suggest that the American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 156 and 157 Streets, New York, may be able to advise you regarding the value of the piece you describe.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 26, 1923.

Mr. P. E. Peterson,
168 Maplewood St.,
Watertown. Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of December 24 please be advised that bronze medallions of the Presidents of the United States from Washington to Harding may be obtained from the United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each plus postage of 15 cents on each medal. Payment should be made to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia by postal money order or cash.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 26, 1923.

Mr. J. C. Holfer,
Dixie, Baker County,
Oregon.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send this material to the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 26, 1923.

Mr. D. B. Roberts,

Lilesville, N.C.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of the material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 26, 1923.

Miss Mary Howorth,

Tecumseh, Nebraksa.

Dear Miss Howorth:

Responding to your inquiry of December 19 please be advised that there is no law prohibiting the use of coins as jewelry. The law prohibits the mutilating of coins with the intent to pass them as money.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 26, 1923.

Mr. R. E. Washburn,

Augusta, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 20 together with package containing gold dental scrap. There is no place in Washington where such material is purchased by the Government and I am today forwarding your deposit to the Superintendent, United States Assay Office, New York, and have requested that officer to communicate with you directly regarding the same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 26, 1923.

Mr. F. H. Wormser, Assistant Editor,
Engineering & Mining Journal-Press,
10th Ave., and 38th Street.
New York City.

Sir:

Responding to your request of December 22 I take pleasure in transcribing below the monthly purchases of silver under the Pittman Act during 1923:

January	4,622,000	ounces
February	6,768,762	"
March	16,215,394	"
April	4,570,516	"
May	16,160,698	"
June	1,496,753	"

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 26, 1923.

Mr. Harry Feinblatt,
1474 Angelus Ave.,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 17 please be advised that the medals of the Presidents from Washington to Harding are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each, plus postage of 15 cents on each medal.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 27, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

This office is just in receipt of copy of notice of settlement of the accounts of Robert J. Grant, Superintendent U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo. for the period January to June 1923. It is noted that the amount of $7.19 has been suspended with the statement that telegrams to Washington from officers in the field must be sent "collect." It has been the practice of field disbursing officers of the Mint Service, for years, to pay telegraph charges locally as there is no disbursing officer, having funds chargeable with the expenses of transmitting such messages, in Washington.

Reference, in this connection, is made to settlement of the accounts of Annie H. Martin, Assayer in Charge, U.S.Mint, Carson City, Nev. for the period January to March 1923, in which the amount of $0.48 was suspended for like reason. At the time of receipt of notice of settlement just mentioned the matter was informally brought to the attention of your office and we were advised that the item would be allowed in the next settlement of Miss Martin's accounts.

The practice of paying for telegrams locally, at the office of origination, gives a far better check in every way, and particularly for avoidance of possible duplicate payments, than does the practice of sending messages "collect". Local payments also permit adjustment of differences without correspondence. They are more satisfactory to both the Mint Service and the transmitting companies, and it is requested that the suspended items, as well as all future similar payments, be allowed in Mint field service accounts.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

December 27, 1923.

Mr. Elmer Peterson,
3569 Bainbridge Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of December 15, addressed to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, has been quoted in part to this Bureau by the Director of the United States Geological Survey. In response to your request for information relative to the consumption of gold and silver I have taken pleasure in causing to be sent to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1923, which contains data relative to gold and silver. We have no information relative to the precious stones.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

December 27, 1923.

Honorable William B. McKinley,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator:

I have for acknowledgement your letter of December 26 enclosing a letter from Mrs. Mary Hubbart, R. F. D. #3, Paris, Illinois, in which inquiry is made as to the value of certain old coins.

The Government pays no premium upon any issue of coins and does not issue a list of coin dealers. It is possible, however, that the American Numismatic Society, Broadway, between 155th and 156th Streets, New York City, may be able to advise Mrs. Hubbart whether or not coin dealers pay premiums upon the coins enumerated by her.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

December 27, 1923.

Dear Senator Pittman:

I have your letter of the 22nd instant stating that you had been informed that a new ruling has been made that the Mint will not redeliver silver to the seller derived from the refining of gold-silver bullion, but will only pay the market price for the silver contained in such bullion.

I know of no such ruling, and for your information I take pleasure in quoting from the regulations of the Mint service covering the receipt of bullion:

> "Any owner of silver bullion may deposit it at any mint or assay office for return in the form of unparted stamped bars; and at the coinage mints and the New York Assay Office for return in refined stamped bars."

Very truly yours,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

Honorable Key Pittman,
United States Senate.

December 27, 1923.

My dear Congressman Burton:

I have your telegram of the 26th instant recommending for consideration the name of Mr. Ambrose Swasey of Cleveland, Ohio, as a member of the Annual Assay Commission.

It will give me much pleasure to record the name of Mr. Swasey on the list to be considered, but I cannot assure you that his name will be reached this year for the reason that an unusually large number of recommendations have already reached the Department. I need hardly assure you, however, of the personal pleasure it will be to me to accede to your request if it is found that the list is not already too large.

Very sincerely yours,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

Honorable Theodore E. Burton,
House of Representatives.

December 27, 1923.

My dear Senator:

I have your letter of December 26, recommending for consideration the name of Dr. William Gerry Morgan for appointment as a member of the Annual Assay Commission.

An unusually large number of names have already been presented to the Department for consideration. I need hardly assure you of my personal desire to accede to any request you make, and I shall take pleasure in recording for consideration the name of Dr. Morgan, but I cannot assure you that his name will be reached for appointment this year.

Very sincerely yours,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

Honorable Reed Smoot,
United States Senate.

December 27, 1923.

My dear Senator Pittman:

I have your letter of December 22nd, relative to a letter written to this Bureau by Mr. Sidney Norman, Editor of Mining Truth, a copy of which he has sent to you , and requesting that I send a copy of my reply to him. I take pleasure in enclosing the copy you request, together with a copy of the coinage laws referred to.

Very truly yours,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

Honorable Key Pittman,
United States Senate.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

December 29, 1923.

Phelps-Dodge Corporation,
99 John Street,
New York, N. Y.

Please wire collect when we may expect data your nineteen twenty three estimated gold and silver receipts by sources period See our letters November twenty six and December twenty four.

R J Grant.
Director of the Mint

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR "Contingent Expenses, Off. Dir. of the Mint, 1924."
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2118

December 28, 1923.

Mr. James R. Riddle,
Box 456
Talladega, Alabama.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant please be advised that new coins may be obtained from THE TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES, that officer having in charge the distribution of all coins.

Under separate cover I am sending a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1923 which will give you a list of coins made in the calendar year 1922, and in previous years.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 28, 1923.

Mr. A. M. Burton,
Postmaster,
Grinnell, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays are made by the Government for the public.

The Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Deadwood, South Dakota, will assay ore for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 for determining the two metals, and one dollar for each other metal determined. The specimen sent should approximate five pounds in weight in order that a satisfactory assay be made.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter C-"CV"-6, dated December 11, 1923, transmitting statement of differences pertaining to this office found in the disbursing accounts of J. L. Summers, Settlement C-3766-T, for the month of April 1923, please be advised, with respect to travel voucher in favor of F. E. Scobey, Director of the Mint, that Mr. Scobey left official headquarters, Washington, at 4:50 p.m. December 20, 1922 for official duty at San Francisco, arriving at latter place at 10:30 a.m. January 16, 1923. Claim made on voucher for reimbursement of subsistence expenses for 5 days, the usual time necessary for such trip by direct route. The Pullman charge is also based on that for direct route. No charge is made for either subsistence or other expenses incident to having taken roundabout route and for stopovers. Mr. Scobey left San Francisco for Washington at 5:00 p.m. February 6, 1923 arriving in Washington at 7:45 a.m. April 2, 1923. The reimbursement charges for return trip are based on the equivalent of expense by direct route, as in the case of the outgoing trip.

The only point visited on official business while absent from Washington was San Francisco.

Transportation Request #T-442256, dated December 19, 1922, in favor of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Washington, D. C. to San Francisco, Cal. and return was only transportation request issued, pullman accomodations being paid for in cash as noted above.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1923.

Mr. W. R. Frazier,
East Bend,
Yadkin Co.,
N. Carolina.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 26, please be advised that the Assay Office in Deadwood, S. Dakota, will assay ore for gold and silver at a charge of one dollar for determining both metals and one dollar each for other metals determined. In order to obtain a satisfactory assay, at least five pounds of material should be forwarded. The package should be sent to the Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Deadwood, S. Dakota."

I would suggest that when you forward the material you request the Assayer to advise you in case a visual examination indicates that the material has no special value.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1923.

Harry Freezman,
802 South St.
Steubenville, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of recent date enclosing money order for $2.10 to pay for two memorial medals of President Harding. The money order has been indorsed and forwarded to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, that officer having entire charge of the distribution of the medals.

Orders for these medals now on hand at the Philadelphia Mint amount to approximately three thousand. Your order will be placed on file and the medal forwarded to you as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1923.

Mr. W. H. Hall,
Almirante,
Rep. of Panama
c/o N.F.Co.

Dear Sir:

This letter will acknowledge the receipt of two packages from you containing material obviously sent for the purpose of having analysis made of each. There is no place in Washington where assays are made by the Government for the public. A visual examination, however, indicates that the material has no commercial value.

The specimens will be held in this office for a period of thirty days pending instructions from you as to disposition of same but as they have no particular value it is presumed that you will wish to have them destroyed. We will, however, retain the material pending instructions from you.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

Enc:

December 29, 1923.

Ed. Jones & Co.
906 Broadway,
Oakland, Cal.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of December 22, please be advised that this office has no knowledge of silver dollars of the Presidents of the United States. It may be that you refer to medals issued for each of the presidents and these may be obtained at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, in bronze, at one dollar each. The series includes the medals from Washington to Harding. Payment for the medals should be made by money order, payable to the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, and mailed to that officer. The cost of shipping, approximately fifteen cents per medal, should be included in order and any excess postage thus sent will be refunded to you.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1923.

Florence E. Johnson,
114 Cedar St.
Boone, Iowa.

Dear Miss Johnson:

Replying to your letter of December 26, you are advised that the Buffalo Nickle of 1913 has no special valuation above its face value. There are millions of these coins in circulation.

The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins and no Buffalo Nickles have been called in.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1923.

L. E. Thompson, Postmaster,
Hamblin, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 24, please be advised that if you will forward the burned money you describe to the Treasurer of the United States, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., that officer will advise you whether or not the same can be redeemed.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1925.

Mr. R. O. Broyles,

L. B. #87,

Shenandosh Jct., W. Va.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 24, please be advised that if you will forward the coin you describe to this Bureau an effort will be made to ascertain its date. If the figures have been entirely obliterated, of course there would be no way for this Bureau to determine the date of its coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1923.

Mr. M. L. Beistle,
The Beistle Company,
Shippensburg, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of December 28 enclosing a letter received by you from this Bureau under date of December 21, advising you to make application for the 50¢ pieces to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco. Your inquiry of the 28th may indicate that you expect this Bureau to procure these coins. No action has been taken by this Bureau and I would again suggest that you address the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal., requesting him to forward you the coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1923

My dear Mr. Shepard:

The enclosed letter was turned over to this Department by the Secretary of the Treasury. I wish you would be kind enough to make a quiet invrstigation of this man Paul Kuehn without letting him know anything about it, and report at your early convenience; also please return the letter.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Enclosure.

F

December 31, 1923.

Tintic Milling Company,
Silver City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

This office has at different times brought to attention the requirement of Treasury regulations governing purchases of silver under terms of the Pittman Act, that abstracts from books of account must be rendered monthly up to include the month during which your final deliveries are made on tenders made to and accepted by the Director of the Mint.

Your accounts continue to be in arrears and the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint has accordingly been directed to make no further payments to you on account of Pittman Silver deliveries until he is advised by this office that the accounts have been brought up to date.

Regretting the necessity of taking this action and urging that you promptly send abstracts from your books of account to this office to include December, also that accounts for subsequent months be promptly forwarded, I am

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R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

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Mr. Henry P. Mervin,
Silver City,
Nevada.

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R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

December 31, 1923.

Arizona Silver Mines Co.
Unionville, Nevada.

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R. J. GRAM,
Director of the Mint.

December 31, 1923.

Mr. E. M. Fuqua,
Tonopah, Nevada.

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R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.